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Preparing students to lead and serve in
an increasingly interconnected world

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"Quote, unquote"

Quote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things said at and about Hope College.

Hope celebrated the first national Undergraduate Research Week in April with multiple activities, an emphasis only appropriate considering that the college has involved students in original collaborative research and creative work for decades. Hope even played a national role in the week, presenting at the invitation of the Council of Undergraduate Research a webinar on "Transformational Learning through Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance" for which colleges and universities around the country registered. Hope opened its commemoration with a keynote address by Dr. Nancy Hensel, executive officer of CUR, who presented "Making Explicit the Implicit: Defining Undergraduate Research." The following excerpts from Dr. Hensel's April 11 talk focus on why undergraduate research matters.



"A few years ago, the American Association for the Advancement of Science celebrated the 125th anniversary of the journal *Science*. And as part of their celebration, they identified gaps in our basic scientific knowledge with a lot of different questions, questions such as: 'Are we alone in the universe?,' 'What determines species diversity?,' 'What genetic changes made us uniquely human?,' or, 'How did cooperative behavior evolve?' And the question that I would really like answered is, 'How are memories stored and retrieved?' Some of you are young and don't have to worry about that so much, but when you reach my age..."

"So, who's going to discover the answers to these questions? It may be the students who are working with you in your undergraduate research program. If the answers to any of these questions

are discovered in the United States, someone who has had an undergraduate research experience at one of our colleges and universities will be most likely to discover it.

"And while the answers to some questions may never be found, posing the question and seeking answers is still a worthwhile endeavor. The National Endowment for the Humanities, for example, has a program on enduring questions such as: 'What is the good life?,' 'Is there such a thing as a just war?,' 'What is friendship?,' 'Are there universals in human nature?'

"Examining these questions can lead to a better understanding of such complex issues whether or not we ever find a definitive answer.

"This is one of the reasons why I and CUR are passionate believers in the importance of undergraduate research across all disciplines. We are convinced that involving students in research, when students are working with real questions and confronting real problems, is the best preparation for any profession.

"Clearly, we want scientists to be creative, innovative thinkers who can wrestle with the big unanswered questions. But I think we also want our teachers, our lawyers, our social workers, our business leaders and our elected officials to also be thinking about the important questions of our society and to seek the answers through a process of inquiry, analysis, and discovery..."

"Students learn from many different research methodologies and from basic as well as applied research and they are doing this research all over the world. A lot of people will argue that basic research is more rigorous and more important than other kinds of research. I would like to suggest, however, that our students will go into many professions. Not all will become professors or researchers but all will engage in some kind of work. Their work will be significantly enhanced and enriched by their research experiences, and our communities, our nation and the world will benefit when these engaged citizens apply their research skills and their knowledge to the important questions in their professional and community lives." ✍️

On the Cover

Flags from around the world fly outside the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication (several others, including the U.S. flag, are on the other side of the building). Hope's commitment to preparing students for life in an interconnected world traces back to the 1866 inauguration of the Rev. Philip Phelps Jr., when featured speaker the Rev. Isaac Wyckoff encouraged Hope's first president to make study abroad and learning other languages an institutional priority. It continues campus-wide today.



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Events



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

June Term—Through July 1

July Term—July 5-29

Fall Semester

Aug. 26, Friday—Residence halls open for new students, 10 a.m.

Aug. 26-29, Friday-Monday—New Student Orientation

Aug. 28, Sunday—Residence halls open for returning students, noon

Aug. 28, Sunday—Convocation for new students and parents, 2 p.m.

Aug. 30, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.

Sept. 5, Monday—Labor Day, classes in session

Oct. 4-5, Tuesday-Wednesday—Critical Issues Symposium

Oct. 7-12, Friday, 6 p.m. to Wednesday, 8 a.m.—Fall Recess

Oct. 15, Saturday—Homecoming Nov. 4-6, Friday-Sunday—Family Weekend

Nov. 24-28, Thursday, 8 a.m. to Monday, 8 a.m.—Thanksgiving Recess

Dec. 9, Friday—Last day of classes

Dec. 12-16, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations

Dec. 16, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

Spring Semester '12

Jan. 8, Sunday—Residence halls open, noon

Jan. 10, Tuesday—Classes begin, 8 a.m.

Feb. 10-15, Friday, 6 p.m. to Wednesday, 8 a.m.—Winter Recess

March 16-26, Friday, 8 a.m. to Monday, 8 a.m.—Spring Recess

April 26, Thursday—Honors Convocation, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

April 27, Friday—Spring Festival Classes dismissed at 3 p.m.

April 30-May 4, Monday-Friday—Semester examinations

May 4, Friday—Residence halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.

May 6, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement

May 7, Monday—Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon

ADMISSIONS

Campus Visits: The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from September through early June is also open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available during the summer as well as the school year. Appointments are recommended.

Visit Days: Visit Days offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. The days for 2011-12 are:

Fri., Sept. 30	Fri., Jan. 27
Fri., Oct. 14	Fri., Feb. 3
Fri., Oct. 21	Fri., Feb. 17
Fri., Oct. 28	Mon., Feb. 20
Fri., Nov. 4	Fri., March 2
Fri., Nov. 11	Fri., March 30
Fri., Nov. 18	Fri., April 13
Mon., Jan. 16	Fri., April 20

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395-7850, or toll free 1-800-968-7850; check on-line at www.hope.edu/admissions; or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422-9000.



HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

HSRT is planning an exciting 40th season, opening in the Knickerbocker theatre on Friday, June 17, with the wonderful musical *Children of Eden*, followed by *Taking Steps*, *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, *I Remember Mama*, *Guys On Ice*, and two children's shows. More information can be found online at www.hope.edu/hsrt. Tickets are available at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse or by calling (616) 395-7890.

INSTANT INFORMATION

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained online 24 hours a day at www.hope.edu/pr/events.html.



DANCE

Cecchetti International Ballet

School Concerts—Saturday, July 23

Knickerbocker Theatre

10:30 a.m. and noon.

Admission is free.



ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Community Day—Saturday, Sept. 10

Includes a picnic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Windmill Island, followed by home football action with Wisconsin Lutheran at 1:30 p.m. at Holland Municipal Stadium.

Homecoming Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '86 through '06.

Family Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 4-6

Satellite Basketball Gatherings—Saturday, Feb. 11

Featuring Hope-Calvin men's basketball

Winter Happening—Saturday, Jan. 28

Alumni Weekend—Friday-Saturday, April 27-28

Includes reunions for every fifth class, '62 through '82.

For more information concerning the above events, please call the Office of Public and Community Relations at (616) 395-7860 or the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (616) 395-7250 or visit the Alumni Association online at: www.hope.edu/alumni.



SUMMER CAMPS

Throughout the summer, Hope will offer multiple science camps for children as well as sports camps in boys' basketball, football, girls' basketball, soccer, tennis and volleyball. For complete information, please check www.hope.edu/camps, or call the following numbers: science camps, (616) 395-7640; boys' basketball, (616) 403-5291; football, (616) 403-5092; girls' basketball, (616) 395-7853; soccer, (616) 805-9303; tennis, (616) 395-4965; and volleyball, (616) 395-7682.



TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Opening Convocation—Sunday, Aug. 28, 2 p.m.

DeVos Fieldhouse

Pull Tug-of-War—Saturday, Oct. 1, 3 p.m.

Across the Black River

Critical Issues Symposium—Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 4-5

Topic: "Exploring Islam"

Nykerk Cup Competition—Saturday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Holland Civic Center

Christmas Vespers—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Honors Convocation—Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m.

Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Baccalaureate and

Commencement—Sunday, May 6
Dimnent Memorial Chapel and Holland Municipal Stadium (DeVos Fieldhouse if rain)

TICKET SALES

For events with advance ticket sales, the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.





DOW RESEARCH SUPPORT: A major gift from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation of Midland in support of science education provided Hope with extra cause to celebrate during national Undergraduate Research Week.

The foundation has awarded the college \$1 million to create an endowment to provide ongoing support for students conducting collaborative research with members of the faculty in biochemistry, chemistry and molecular biology.

President Dr. James Bultman '63 announced the gift on Monday, April 11, while welcoming audience members to the opening of the college's six-day celebration of the week. He noted that the award continues a history of support by the Dow Foundation that extends more than three decades and has had a major, lasting impact on the college.

"We are so very grateful for the continuing partnership between Hope College and the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation. The gifts of the foundation to the college have been transformational," he said. "This most recent endowed gift will help to perpetuate one of Hope's primary distinctives, namely, collaborative undergraduate student/faculty research."

When the endowment has matured fully, four students each year will be selected as "Dow Scholars," receiving a stipend and additional support to conduct research with a faculty member full-time during 10 weeks for two summers and part time during the intervening school year.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc



HAT TRICK: A tribute to the Hope family's loyalty and enthusiasm, the college has topped the nation for 2010-11 among all NCAA Division III schools in home attendance in three sports: men's basketball, volleyball

and women's basketball. It is the second year in a row Hope has been the national leader in all three programs.

Hope averaged 2,818 fans per game in men's basketball, for which the national average in Division III was 405 fans. Hope averaged 802 fans in volleyball, with the remaining teams in the top 50 averaging from 213 to 790 fans. Hope averaged 1,546 fans in women's basketball, for which the national average was 231 fans. The college was also second nationally in men's soccer home attendance with an average of 983 fans.

It was the college's ninth consecutive year leading in men's basketball home attendance, second consecutive year leading in volleyball and third consecutive year leading in women's basketball.

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HOPE THANKED: Hope and the Fennville community were recognized on Thursday, April 14, by the West Michigan Character Council for the roles they played in responding to the death of Fennville basketball player Wes Leonard.

The Council at its monthly meeting recognized Hope for its compassion by providing the DeVos Fieldhouse as a venue for Fennville to play its district high school basketball games the week after the player's death. The Fennville community was recognized for its loyalty in supporting the Wes Leonard family and team members.

The Character First initiative, founded in Holland in 2002, is a broad-based effort to integrate character into the culture of community. The program works through elected officials, community leaders, and citizens-at-large who recognize the critical importance of good character. The Character First system includes 49 character qualities, including compassion and loyalty.

"Hope staff stepped up in every way to ease the burden for the Fennville community," said Nancy DeBoer, who is executive director of the West Michigan Character Council and a member of the Holland City Council. "As a Character Council, we are inspired and challenged by Hope's compassion. Instead of turning its head, Hope opened its hand to be an anchor for Fennville, investing whatever was necessary to heal the hurt of others."

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc

CONNECT ONLINE:

We hope that *News from Hope College* brings a welcome bit of Hope



into your home, but between issues please also take the opportunity to experience the college online through videos, social networking, information-filled web pages and galleries that are the next best thing to a walk with friends through the Pine Grove while traveling from an afternoon class to dinner at Phelps Dining Hall.

Hope can be followed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hopecollege; on Twitter at www.twitter.com/hopecollege; and on YouTube at www.youtube.com/hopecollege.

The college maintains its own virtual meeting place for all alumni through *myHope*. Membership is free, and provides an opportunity to connect with other alumni with similar interests; to search the online alumni directory; to learn what's going on on-campus; and to sign up for alumni events taking place across the country.

Hope's website, www.hope.edu, includes regular updates about news and events at the college, photo galleries, links to offices ranging from admissions to the writing center as well as every academic department... literally thousands upon thousands of pages.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc

GEOLOGY IN SWEDEN:

Three Hope geology students had a unique chance to participate in research in Sweden in May.

Senior Nate Erber of Rockford, Mich., senior Dean Hazle of East Grand Rapids, Mich., and junior Leah LaBarge of Hudsonville, Mich., spent three weeks as interns with the Geological Survey of Sweden, making detailed maps of rocks along the coast of the province of Halland, the only team from abroad to do so.

The students were accompanied by Dr. Edward Hansen, professor of geology and environmental science. It is the second year in a row that a team of Hope students has participated in the national Swedish project, and the third year that Dr. Hansen has taken a group to Sweden.

The Geological Survey of Sweden, Dr. Hansen noted, is working to produce an overview of the geology of the country as a whole, and given the scale of the project maps areas with a "broad stroke." Dr. Hansen explained that the interns complement the effort by concentrating for a more extended period on specific areas, providing detail that the general survey can't.

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EDUCATION APPROVED: The college's teacher-preparation program has earned approval from Michigan's Department of Education as meeting the standards required by the state's new Elementary Certificate Program.

There are currently 33 colleges and universities approved by the Michigan State Board of Education to prepare teachers and recommend them for a certificate to teach. Only those that, like Hope, have obtained approval under the new standards will be allowed to admit students to their elementary teacher-education programs after December of this year. The new standards will be reflected in the new version of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification that will be used after July 2013.

The approval follows a history of high praise for Hope's teacher-preparation program from the department in the past. For example, Hope's program is one of six across the state tied for second place in the state's "Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores for Academic Year 2008-09," the most recent rankings available.

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HOPE IN PICTURES: Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope.

At right is an entry in the light-hearted "Push" shopping-cart race during this year's "Spring Fling," the annual campus party held on the last day of spring-semester classes, Friday, April 29, this year.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/gallery





President Bultman Announces Retirement

President Dr. James E. Bultman '63, who has led the college since 1999, has announced that he will be retiring at the end of the 2011-12 school year.

President Bultman, who is 69, announced his intention to retire to the campus community on Monday, May 9. He had informed the Board of Trustees during the board's spring meeting held on campus on Thursday-Friday, May 5-6.

"I am deeply grateful for a supportive Board of Trustees, a dedicated administrative team, a talented faculty, a resourceful staff and diligent students," he said. "By God's grace and goodness much has been accomplished together."

"I will have been a college president for 27 consecutive years—close to five times the national average," President Bultman said. "There is little doubt that this is a privileged position. And it is a special joy to be president of one's alma mater. This is a responsibility I do not take lightly. Indeed, I can say with the psalmist, 'the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places.'"

"As for Hope, I can only predict a very bright future as one of the nation's leading Christian liberal arts institutions," he said. "My personal passion, shared by so many, is that Hope will continue to provide an exceptional undergraduate experience in a caring and vibrantly Christian environment. Few colleges aspire to this; fewer still are able to achieve it. Gratefully, Hope is one of these."

"You've given me a rare and privileged

opportunity to lead the college I love," President Bultman said as he concluded his campus announcement. "Martie and I will treasure your trust in us forever."

Dr. Bultman became the college's 11th president on July 1, 1999. He assumed office having already had more than two decades of direct experience with the college, including his student days.

He had been a member of the college's faculty and administration from 1968 to 1985. He joined the education faculty in 1968, chaired the department of education from 1976 to 1982, and was dean of the social sciences from 1982 until 1985. He was head baseball coach at Hope from 1971 to 1985, and an assistant football coach from 1970 to 1984.

He took office in 1999 having also had extensive experience as a college president. From 1985 to 1999, he was president of Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. Northwestern, like Hope, is one of three colleges with ties to the Reformed Church in America.

Before joining Hope's faculty, President Bultman taught and coached in the public schools in Portage and was the assistant principal of Portage Northern High School.

His wife, Martie (Tucker) is also a 1963 Hope graduate. The Bultmans have two grown children: a son, Matthew, in Overland Park, Kan., and a daughter, Heather, in Broadhead, Wis.; and five grandchildren.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc



President James E. Bultman '63 presents the final diploma of his penultimate Commencement on Sunday, May 8, to nursing major Janette Zandstra

of Crown Point, Ind. He timed his retirement announcement for the day after the ceremony so that the focus would stay on the graduates.

Search is Under Way

The search for President Bultman's successor has started, and the extended Hope community can help.

A committee consisting of trustees, alumni, faculty, administrators and a current student has been formed to conduct the search for Hope's 12th president. The Board of Trustees is anticipating selecting the college's next president during its January 2012 meeting for an appointment in time for the 2012-13 academic year.

Members of the Hope community are invited to nominate qualified candidates.

The college is seeking a visionary leader who inspires excellence in others and is committed to and capable of advancing Hope's mission of educating students for lives of leadership and service in a global society through academic and co-curricular programs of recognized excellence in the liberal arts and in the context of the historic Christian faith. Further, the successful candidate will share the core values that shape Hope: to offer rigorous academic programs; to contribute to the body

of knowledge in the academic disciplines; to nurture vibrant Christian faith; to be a caring community; to foster development of the whole person—intellectually, spiritually, socially and physically; to be wise stewards of resources. In addition, the college's next president must be capable of communicating Hope's mission, vision, values and distinguishing qualities with excellence to its various constituencies.

The search committee is chaired by Dr. David Lowry '89, who is also a member of the Board of Trustees. Nominations for Hope's presidency should be sent to the committee to the attention of the group's executive secretary, Dr. James Boelkins '66, provost emeritus at Hope. Nominations may be e-mailed to presidentialsearch@hope.edu or mailed to: James Boelkins, Ph.D.; Presidential Search Committee; PO Box 9000; Hope College; Holland, MI 49422-9000.

Additional information about the search process is available online at www.hope.edu/about/presidential.html

Reflections on a Presidency

"Dr. Bultman is a rare leader – combining passion, principle, and purpose with an amazing work ethic that was observed by the entire constituency of Hope College, including alumni.

Dr. and Mrs. Bultman are ever present. They go from a breakfast meeting to having dinner with students. Working with faculty, staff, and alumni in matters large and small during the day to being the biggest fans at recitals and sporting events at night – they have been totally invested in the Hope mission and community.

Dr. Bultman has done much to lead Hope College by improving the facilities during his tenure. However, his lasting legacy will be the expectation of excellence he has set for recruiting faculty and staff to Hope. Hope students and alumni will benefit for generations from the rich talent at Hope."

– Bob Bieri '83
President, Alumni Association

"Jim Bultman has worked tirelessly on behalf of Hope throughout his presidency, a passionate and articulate advocate for the distinctive education that Hope provides. His commitment to providing the best for students in both program and facilities has made a lasting difference in creating a stronger Hope College not only for today's students but for those to come.

No less crucially, he and his wife Martie have touched many students' lives through their active and enthusiastic participation in the day-to-day life of the college. They invite students to their home, and regularly attend student scholarly presentations, performances and athletic contests, a reflection of their shared and very real personal interest in students as individuals."

– Joel G. Bouwens '74
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Jim Bultman for over 20 years, in two states, and at two colleges. He is as good a college president as any in the country, and far better than most.

The relationship between the city and the college is long, close, and historic. Even so, it requires continual renewal and nurturing – and during the 12 years of Jim's leadership, that close and unique relationship has grown as strong as ever. Jim Bultman's commitment to Holland is only surpassed by his love of Hope. He has left a definite mark in this community that will long continue."

– Kurt Dykstra
Mayor, City of Holland

"We first met President Bultman five years ago at a high school student visitation day. As we walked across campus that morning, a smiling man greeted us and stopped to chat about the day's seminars and to offer recommendations. Later that afternoon the same man was enthusiastically greeting parents as they entered a session to hear the president of Hope College speak. I was surprised that on such a busy day he remembered our name and the names of several others in the group. We were even more impressed when we realized, as he rose to speak, that this man was the president of Hope College. By the end of that day we knew that Hope was different from other campuses we had visited. There was such an enthusiasm for the work of the college and a genuine spirit of caring and connecting from the faculty and staff that we met that day—a vibrancy we hadn't seen elsewhere. We believe President Bultman has much to do with that intangible quality people find at Hope."

– Darci Kessie
Co-chair, with husband Joe, Parent's Council

Readers are invited to send their reflections on the presidency of Jim and Martie Bultman to newsfromhope@hope.edu



President Bultman shares his retirement plans with members of the faculty and staff on Monday, May 9. In tribute to his service to the college, the assembly gave him a standing ovation.





Making Music



The dozens of performances each year reflect the department of music's dynamism—and provide many opportunities for students to demonstrate and hone their skill as musicians. A beloved

tradition for 60 years, Christmas Vespers draws some 4,000 members of the campus and West Michigan communities annually to four standing-room-only services in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

nurturing faculty that really put the student at the center of the department. It's the best of both worlds."

Senior Sarah Ashcroft, a vocal music performance and vocal music education dual major from Holland, Mich., appreciates both dimensions of the program. She started studying voice with faculty member Linda Lefever Dykstra while still in high school, and so highly valued the mentoring relationship that she enrolled at Hope despite initially thinking that she'd want to go to school away from home. Her experience since has reinforced the decision.

"If I have a problem, I feel completely comfortable going to all of my professors," Ashcroft said. "I can build a healthy relationship with my professors. It makes the work easier—more fun."

Ashcroft has also valued the range of performance opportunities at Hope, where she has been in ensembles like the Chapel Choir and a featured soloist—including during the annual Concerto and Aria and Musical Showcase concerts this past spring. She has consistently competed in and won major vocal competitions beyond campus, including first-place awards in the state National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competitions in 2008, 2009 and 2010, and the NATS Great Lakes Regional in March.

"I've been incredibly fortunate here at Hope. I've been given all the opportunities possible, which wouldn't be possible at a bigger school," she said.

Up ahead, an ensemble is getting ready in Snow Auditorium. A blast of sound escapes as one of the arriving students opens the door. While initially everyone's just doing some tuning, and the result defines cacophony, that changes soon. When the conductor calls them together, all is harmony—and melody.

In the small lobby, a few students are talking and laughing. They say something to another who's busy dropping a piece into the jigsaw puzzle left in-progress for any passerby to try.

Bit by bit, the picture emerges—in the puzzle, yes, but also of the department of music. With more than 600 students involved in the program at any given time, Nykerk Hall is always busy. And, there's always a sense of purpose, not only with the students' education in mind, but also because with the department presenting some 125 performances each year there's almost constantly a concert imminent.

The situation also reflects something else: that the program is popular. About 25 percent of the students are majors, with the rest from throughout the college. Future professionals and serious amateurs alike study and perform together through a shared love of the discipline and art.

As one sign of the department's scope, there are 20 performing ensembles, ranging from the Chapel Choir, established in the 1930s, to smaller jazz ensembles. The department has more than 40 full- and part-time faculty.

The large scale and Hope's historic focus on the individual student result in an unrivaled education, noted Dr. Brian Coyle, professor of music and chairperson of the department.

"What we offer in terms of program is on par with a large state institution," he said. "But what the students also get is the quality of one-on-one interaction. We're a caring and

Stand at the heart of Nykerk Hall of Music, and the aural tableau unfolds. Around the corner, a vocalist in a practice room works on an aria so beautifully that it might well be a performance—until, dissatisfied with something she's done, she stops, backs up a few measures, and tries again.



A jazz ensemble class meets in ever-busy Snow Auditorium. Hope's enrollment has nearly tripled since Nykerk Hall was built. With more than 600 students involved in the music program at any given time, the college is seeking to provide the department with space commensurate with its high quality and popularity.

"I like how it's constantly getting reworked to fit the students better," Naughton said. "They ask us how it's going. They ask us our opinion after courses."

The college has been preparing music teachers for generations, but that aspect has received new emphasis in recent years in response to growing student demand. Mirroring the department's history of bringing in guest artists not only to perform but to work with students, the program has been scheduling residencies by nationally noted music scholar-educators, making sessions available as well to area in-service teachers.

"That is a dimension that has solidified the professionalism of our program and put us on the map of the professional music-education world, as well as for our local music teachers as a place to seek out professional development," said Dr. Christina Hornbach, assistant professor of music and coordinator of the music education area.

The music faculty are also increasingly active in involving students in their scholarly research. Dr. Hornbach, for example, is working on a song-writing and orchestration project this summer with senior Caitlin McDougall of Flint, Mich. Last summer, Dr. Robert Hodson '89, associate professor of music, took a group of students to Japan for a collaborative research project focused on jazz.

The high demand, however, is not without its challenges. While listening at the center of Nykerk Hall demonstrates some of the department's outstanding characteristics, looking around makes clear one of its greatest needs: space. Lacking adequate storage, the program is compelled to leave instruments in the hallways. Faculty are sometimes paired two to an office—some of which were once practice rooms. And, crucially, Hope has no performance hall.

When Nykerk Hall opened in the fall of 1956, Hope had about 1,100 students. Fourteen years later, because the college had grown to about 2,100 students, the building was expanded—and so it has remained for the past 40 years except for an organ studio constructed in 1999-2000. Hope now has more than 3,200 students.

"We've just plain outgrown this facility. We're bursting at the seams," Dr. Coyle said.

A new building is on the drawing board. The dream is to build it on Columbia Avenue between Ninth and 10th streets, its location near downtown making it a resource for both Hope and the community. Half the space would be for an 800-seat concert hall, and the rest for the department of music. Fund-raising is on-going.

In the meantime, the department makes do. The faculty, though, regret what they can't provide. The college's six choirs, for example, lack a dedicated rehearsal space—the

kind of room that even many high schools have. While the Chapel Choir is of course named for the college's chapel, the building wasn't constructed with vocal instruction in mind. The acoustics appropriate to a chapel, a rehearsal room and a performance space all differ.

"All are in the best of worlds differently designed from an acoustics standpoint," said Dr. Brad Richmond, professor of music and director of choirs. "You want a rehearsal room where you can hear mistakes and fix them quickly."

It is easy to forget that Dimnent Memorial Chapel isn't a concert hall, since out of necessity it hosts dozens of such events each year. At the same time, no one is suggesting that Dimnent won't continue to have an important role to play. Christmas Vespers—which is foremost a worship service—could never be anyplace else, and, as Dr. Richmond noted, "There might be more organs, but there's only one Skinner, and that's a beaut."

Instead, the planning for the new building is holistic, considering the context of the overall program both today and tomorrow. The vision is for a building worthy of the traditions of the past, equal to the needs of the present, and able to support the instructional and performance demands likely in the future.

Dr. Richmond, for example, isn't close to retirement age, but he envisions a facility that will continue to have an enduring, positive impact not only during his own tenure, but beyond.

"I want the new director to say, 'Man, I love this facility. This works for what I need to do at Hope College,'" he said. 🐟

"What we offer in terms of program is on par with a large state institution, but what the students also get is the quality of one-on-one interaction. We're a caring and nurturing faculty that really put the student at the center of the department. It's the best of both worlds."

— Dr. Brian Coyle, professor of music and chairperson of the department

While listening in Nykerk demonstrates some of the department's outstanding characteristics, looking around makes clear one of its greatest needs: space.





Active Learning Enduring Lessons

It says something, it says everything, that the college's largest space is needed for the Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance each year.

On a Friday afternoon in April, when the possibilities of the beckoning weekend no doubt provided a powerfully appealing alternative, the DeVos Fieldhouse was filled with students who had spent months—and sometimes even years—living out Hope's signature emphasis on learning by doing.

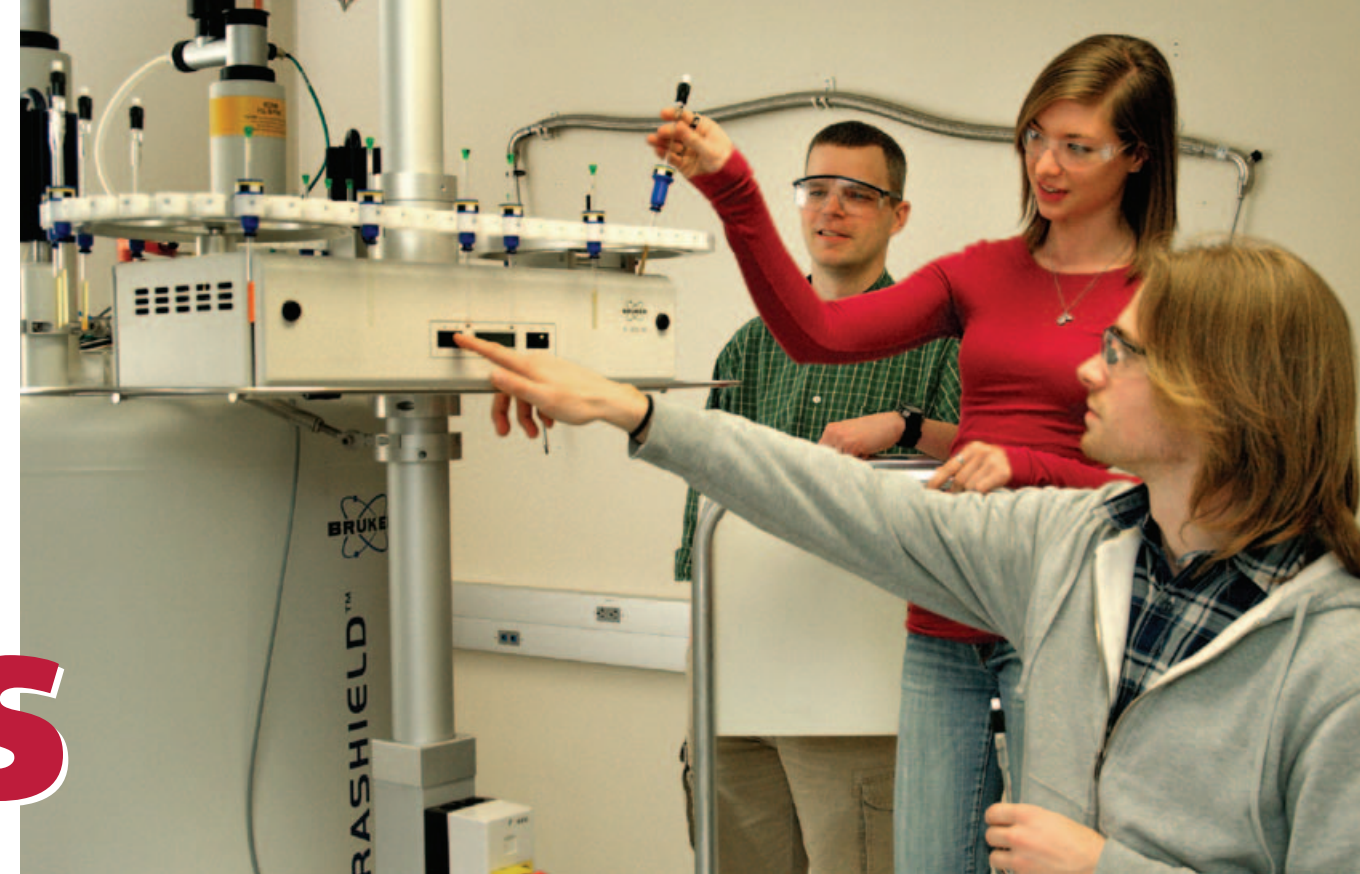
Through poster displays, film presentations and one-on-one conversation, they shared the results of their hard work with the rest of the campus as well as visitors from the Holland community. The event featured more than 200 projects in which 360-plus students had participated, representing departments spread across all four of the college's academic divisions—the arts, the humanities, the natural and applied sciences, and the social sciences.

In the H-Club Room just around the corner from the main entrance, Carl Dunker '11 and Alyssa Zeldenrust '12 showed the documentary film they developed with Dr. Ernest Cole of the English faculty regarding the aftermath of

punitive amputation in post-civil war Sierra Leone. Along the south mezzanine, Lindsey Boeve '12 discussed evaluating the effectiveness of the Milk and Medicine Program for Zambian children, a project she is continuing mentored by Dr. Deborah Weiss '75 Sturtevant of the department of sociology and social work. On the west end of the basketball court, V. Andrew Bunnell '11 described his work with physicist Dr. Stephen Remillard in developing a process for attaching superconducting electronic chips to their housings.

The campus-wide event—the college's 10th annual—culminated Hope's celebration of the first national Undergraduate Research Week, which began five days earlier, on Monday, April 11. The week was designated by the U.S. House of Representatives in a resolution proclaiming undergraduate research as “essential to pushing the Nation's innovation agenda forward by increasing the interest and persistence among young people in the crucial science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, and to cultivating the interest of would-be researchers who pursue a new aspiration of graduate education after participating in undergraduate research.”

That's something that Hope has understood for decades, which is why the college is nationally respected as a pioneer and leader in the practice of teaching by engaging students in original, collaborative work mentored by faculty. In the natural and applied sciences, Hope has the largest summer research program in the nation among primarily liberal arts institutions, with some 170 students involved each year—most from Hope, but also from area high schools and other colleges and universities. The summer work is full-time for eight to 10 weeks; students also conduct research part-time in addition to their coursework during the school year. The arts, humanities, and the social sciences are also seeing a growth in undergraduate research, with 29 students involved last summer.



Hope has long been a recognized leader—and emulated by other institutions—for teaching students effectively by engaging them in original, collaborative work mentored by faculty, a “learning by doing” approach that prepares them well for careers and graduate work. The tradition at Hope began in chemistry in the mid-20th century,

and has since expanded campus-wide. Above, Dr. Jeff Johnson of the chemistry faculty works with Valerie Winton '11 and Colin Rathbun '12, recipients respectively this spring of a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and Goldwater Scholarship, both highly competitive national awards.

The process itself takes many forms, each particular to the academic discipline involved. Where a chemist might develop and test a process in a lab, a psychologist might conduct a survey and analyze the results, and an artist might study and interpret history and culture en route to creating and performing.

“In our case, if you choreograph and present that piece, that's our publication,” said Alicia Diaz, assistant professor of dance.

“In every class you take, you can basically make it into research... When you finish it, there's this sense of, ‘I really did something here.’”

– Carl Dunker '11, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
English and philosophy major
panelist, “The Nuts and Bolts of Undergraduate Research”
research project: “Sierra Leone: Violence, Trauma, and Recovery” (English)

The late Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl '18, who taught chemistry at the college from 1923 to 1964, is widely recognized for developing research-based learning at Hope in its modern sense. More than 100 years ago, biologist Dr. Samuel O. Mast had designed research laboratory space for the college's Van Raalte Hall, which opened in 1903.

Although the model began with the natural and applied sciences at Hope, it's embraced and implemented institution-wide.

“Learning is best done by doing,” that's our motto, whether it's by undergraduate research, creative performance, service learning or internships,” said Dr. Moses Lee, who is dean for the natural sciences and a professor of chemistry, and who chaired the multi-divisional committee that planned the college's research week celebration. “Transformative learning results no matter what field you're in.”

Hope's experience reflects the view of the Washington, D.C.-based Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), which broadly defines undergraduate research as “An inquiry or investigation conducted by an undergraduate student that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline.” Hope also echoes CUR's appreciation of the benefits of involvement in undergraduate work: enhancement of student learning through mentoring relationships with faculty; increased retention; increased enrollment in graduate education and effective career preparation; improved critical thinking, creativity, problem solving and intellectual independence; increased understanding of research methodology; and promotion of innovation.

Hope has been recognized in a variety of ways through the years for its success in teaching through collaborative faculty-student research, and for the high quality of the research itself.

In 1994 Project Kaleidoscope named the program in the natural and applied sciences a “Whole Program That Works”—a model for other institutions to emulate, and in 1998 Hope was one of only 10 liberal arts institutions in the nation to be recognized for innovation and excellence in science instruction by the National Science Foundation (NSF) with an “Award for the Integration of Research and Education.” Since the category debuted in 2003, the *America's Best Colleges* guide published by *U.S. News and World Report* has included Hope on its listing of approximately three dozen institutions that it cites as exceptional for their emphasis on undergraduate research and creative projects.

Consistently, Hope has held more awards through the NSF's “Research Experiences for Undergraduates” program than any other liberal arts college in the country (five this year, in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics and physics); and among all institutions nationwide, including major research universities, only 20 hold more of the grants. Overall in terms of NSF support, Hope received the sixth-highest total in funding in 2010 out of all institutions in Michigan, surpassed only by five Ph.D.-granting universities.

The college's proven history of excellence was why CUR chose Hope to present the national webinar “Transformational Learning through Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance” on Tuesday, April 12. It was CUR's most popular webinar ever, with colleges and universities across the country preregistering.

“Hope has been a leader nationally in teaching students effectively through original research with members of the faculty and creative performance opportunities,” said CUR's executive officer, Dr. Nancy Hensel, in advance

“Research is a great experience... It really helps you to think more creatively and independently... Doing research here has made me want to do research in the future and want to go on for my Ph.D.”

– Valerie Winton '11, Lake Bluff, Ill.
chemistry major
panelist, “The Nuts and Bolts of Undergraduate Research”
research project: “Nickel-Mediated Decarbonylative Cross-Coupling of Cyclic Imides with Diorganozinc Reagents” (chemistry)

of the event. “Hope's highly successful program serves as an outstanding example, and CUR invited Dr. Moses Lee and Hope to present the webinar so that other institutions can benefit from the college's experience in implementing its program and perspective on how student learning is enhanced.”

(Editor's Note: Dr. Hensel, who moderated the webinar, also delivered the opening keynote address during Hope's celebration of the national week. Excerpts from her talk are on page two.)



The college's active arts programs provide multiple opportunities for students to learn about their discipline through creative work. Above, senior Jillian Conner and sophomore Jessica St. Clair perform in “It Is What It Is and That's What It Is,” choreographed by senior Becca Prothe, during the Student-Choreographed Dance Concert series in April.

“There are so many opportunities at Hope to get involved in research... You can go to any prof and say, ‘I'm interested in this,’ and they are so receptive.”

– Mikella Bryant '12, Jaffrey, N.H.
communication and dance major
panelist, “The Nuts and Bolts of Undergraduate Research”
research project: “Does Subject Matter, Matter?” (dance)



Stories for the Ages

As the members of the Class of 2011 prepared to cross the stage and out of their undergraduate days on Sunday, May 8, Commencement speaker Dr. Jesus Montaña asked them not to underestimate the importance of the stories and traditions in their lives and the responsibility to remember and share them.

“For a long time I thought that a story was just a way to pass the time along,” said Dr. Montaña, an associate professor of English. “Little did I know that stories were the best vehicle for passing along the best of ourselves, that is our inheritance, all that stuff that comes from the farthest reaches of time when the world was still settling.”



The banner created by the members of the Class of 2011 during their first days on campus adorned the Pine Grove, providing an opportunity to reflect at the close of their Hope journey on its beginning as well.

Approximately 745 graduating seniors participated in the ceremony, the college's 146th, held at Holland Municipal Stadium. The class, the largest in the college's history, consisted of students from throughout the United States as well as foreign nations including Canada, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, South Korea, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

The event included seats left empty in memory of three members of the community who were missing and missed due to their untimely deaths: students Emma Biagioni and David Otai, who died in an airplane crash on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010; and English faculty member Dr. Jennifer Young Tait, who died on Saturday, March 19, after suffering complications from premature childbirth.

Dr. Montaña titled his address “stories needing being told.” He shared the importance of stories in his life, and the price that he paid when he tried to ignore them.

He recalled his father's gifted storytelling, tales of those who crossed the border from Mexico to the U.S. in search of a better life, even though at the time he didn't appreciate the meaning of what was being told and how. He told of his own experiences growing up in an immigrant family.

As a young academician, he said, they were stories that he was trying to forget.

“Flash back to 2003 and its short thereafter, and you will find me, and the me is very different than the me you see now,” Dr. Montaña said. “That me is dressed in the professorial male uniform, khaki pants (Dockers for the poorer members and LL Bean or Land's End for the gentrified), a light blue Oxford shirt (Polo preferred), and black loafers with tassels. In many ways the outside was a true representation of the inside. I was trying to fit in.”

“The problem was that I was failing miserably at the endeavor. The problem was that all the ‘acting the part’ was slowly killing me,” he said. “The problem was that I was quickly making everyone around me miserable, and that showed in the classroom.”



A picture-perfect Sunday afternoon, thousands of family and friends gathered at Holland Municipal Stadium,

and 745 graduates—the college's largest class ever—celebrating their once-in-a-lifetime milestone together.

His perspective changed, he noted, when he considered his daughter, who was seeing only the part of himself that reflected his role as a professor, and not his experience growing up and how it had shaped and enriched him.

“She was well on her way to knowing only a part of me and the least of me. So I told her the stories that needed being told,” he said. Connecting also to his interest in photography, he told her, for example, about “how I used to work in the agricultural fields as a child and because of that how I would walk from one horizon to the other and because of that how I came to understand the glory of God because even though the work was hard, I was walking under the blue sky and because of that how I bought a camera so I could show the world that there was a reward for those who toiled—it was not a big reward, only the blue sky and the red earth and a few clouds that slowly moved across both.”

It would be for the graduates, he said, to remember and share the stories that made them who they are, and in so doing to shape the world and those who in a generation would be at the same beginning as they were Sunday afternoon.

“You know those stories you look forward to, the familial histories and the personal histories? You know that special food you look

forward to when you go home? You know that family tradition that brings the family together?” Dr. Montaña said. “Mark this day, because now it falls upon you to carry them forward. From this day on, it is your duty, your responsibility at times and your privilege at others and your burden at still other times, to carry them to the next generation.”

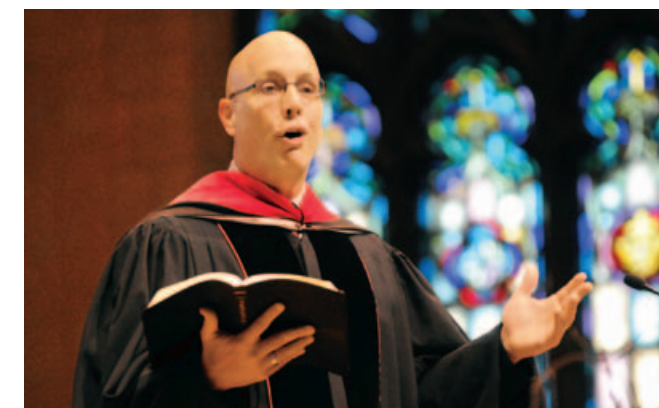
“Many days from now, at another event like this one, you will be sitting in another area of this arena, and your children, the next generation, will sit much like you do now,” he said. “And then and only then can it be said, all that will ever have to be said about you, that you took the torch in days of darkness and light, in times of sorrow and joy, and you carried forth to that new generation a beacon whose light was a message that love is important, that family is important, and that what you accomplish in life must be done with grace and courage as well as honor and humility.”

The graduation activities began in the morning with the college's Baccalaureate service in Dimment Memorial Chapel, during which the Rev. Dr. Blaine Newhouse '86, who is executive director of the Geneva Camp and Retreat Center, delivered the sermon “Course: Graduate Level Learning – Teacher: Professor Job.”

He built his message around Job 42, in which Job emerges from the trials that he has

endured with a deeper understanding of God and wise perspective regarding both the good and the bad that life offers, and goes on to a long and full life. Dr. Newhouse encouraged the graduates to remember Job's example as they experience highs and lows in their own lives.

“First and foremost, Job made his peace with God. Second, Job made his peace with disappointing people. And finally, Job made his peace with the possibility—and I underscore the word ‘possibility’—that life can be good again after defeat, after tragedy, after loss,” Dr. Newhouse said.



Baccalaureate speaker the Rev. Dr. Blaine Newhouse '86, left, reflected on the wisdom and perspective found in Job for approaching both the good and bad that life offers. Commencement

Making peace with God, Dr. Newhouse said, reflects realizing that both good and trouble happen outside of one's control, for reasons beyond one's understanding. “Job was able to live and die well because first and foremost, he acknowledged that there were things he knew and things that he did not know, and that he could find a peace in the faith that rested in God alone,” Dr. Newhouse said.

Job also models forgiveness, Dr. Newhouse noted, proving generous to family and friends who had abandoned him while he suffered. “The natural response is to allow our heart to shrink, and to trust people less,” Dr. Newhouse said. “But the Word of God encourages us to forgive, to allow our heart to grow larger, and to believe that people can change and that relationships can improve.”

Finally, Dr. Newhouse said, Job provides an example for how to look past current adversities to the potential of a better tomorrow.

“You know and I know that if we are going to succeed in life, we're going to have to come to terms with failure,” Dr. Newhouse said. “We're going to have to come to terms with loss. We're going to have to come to terms with tragedy.”

“And this thing we call hope, the thing upon which this institution is grounded, is indeed a great gift in that regard,” he said. “Hope asks us to believe that life can be good again. And that we need not be defined by our failures, by our tragedies, or by our losses, but by our belief in a God that is working a redemptive purpose even in the midst of things that are difficult and the things that we do not fully understand.”

Editor's Note: The college's website features additional images from the day as well as the complete texts of the Baccalaureate sermon and the Commencement address.

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speaker Dr. Jesus Montaña, right, asked the graduates to take the reins as the new generation responsible for sharing the stories and traditions that will shape the next.





Friendship that Matters Most

By Greg Chandler

When Katie Hoekstra '11 and Audrey Griffith '11 walked through Hope's commencement exercises May 8, it marked the culmination of a four-year journey that saw the two roommates forge a bond of friendship through trying circumstances.

Both Katie, from Kalamazoo, Mich., and Audrey, from Naperville, Ill., are cancer survivors, with Katie having to leave Hope during her freshman year to undergo treatment. Both say the experience strengthened their friendship, as well as their desire to help others.

Katie and Audrey met as freshman roommates in Hope's Dykstra Hall in August 2007, and didn't take long to find they had much in common. For example, they both had dogs that were named J.D., and both had older siblings that were looking at going to medical school.

Then came the news during Christmas break that year. Katie was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor growing around one of her ovaries. "It was 14 centimeters long and filled with all this cancerous material," she said.

The news hit Audrey hard. More than anyone else, she knew what her roommate and friend was going through. She immediately flashed back to her own experience, as a 13-year-old who noticed something wrong toward the end of her eighth-grade year.

"I found a lump right next to my collarbone," Audrey said.

The lump turned out to be Hodgkin's lymphoma. Audrey spent three months in chemotherapy and another month getting radiation treatments. The treatment eliminated the cancer, and it never returned.

Katie tried returning to Hope for winter semester that year, but about two weeks into the semester, she found she needed to return to Kalamazoo for treatment.

"I got the phone call from the oncologist saying it was time I came home and got chemo," she said. "Audrey was pretty much the only person who understood the weight of what that meant."



Matched as roommates as incoming students by the college, Audrey Griffith and Katie Hoekstra (shown at this year's Baccalaureate) built a friendship that has lasted across their college years—and sustained in a time of great need. When Katie was diagnosed with cancer mid-way through their freshman year, Audrey could relate. She'd had cancer as an eighth-grader.

Audrey, a nursing major at Hope, tried to encourage her through the process.

"When she left, I cried a lot, because I knew what she was going into," she said. "I'd much rather go through (chemotherapy and radiation) again rather than have anyone go through and experience it for the first time."

The Hope community rallied around Katie, offering support in a variety of forms. Her resident assistant allowed Katie to leave her belongings in her room so she could return if she wanted. One professor offered to allow her to complete his class from her home, but she became too sick to finish the course.

Katie went through three rounds of chemotherapy treatment over a period of two months. The treatment was successful, and by spring of that year, the cancer was gone.

Katie felt well enough to come back to Hope to attend the winter formal, and by the fall 2008 semester, she was back on campus. A sixth-generation Hope student whose great-great-great grandfather, Peter Moerdyk, was part of Hope's first graduating class in 1866, Katie says the support she received from the college community eased the transition of returning to school.

"I've had very close relationships with professors, other faculty and staff, as well as students. The people here are wonderful," she said.

Katie's mother, Beth Daubenspeck '78 Hoekstra, echoes her daughter's sentiments, saying Katie would not have received the same level of support she did had she chosen to attend a different college.

"We knew what that community was like, the professors, the students, there's just a real sense of support, but to try to convey that to your children, you can't," she said. "Until you experience that yourself, you can't comprehend

what it means. All that we've ever told our children became reality."

By their junior year, Katie and Audrey were rooming together again, in Pieters Cottage, and roomed this past year in Taylor Cottage.

The shared experiencing of surviving cancer spurred both young women to get involved with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, which raises funds for cancer research. Katie spoke at the first relay after returning to campus, not long after learning that her grandfather, Harry Daubenspeck, had just been diagnosed with cancer. The disease contributed to his death in February 2009.

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— Beth Daubenspeck '78 Hoekstra

"(The relay) was the place she felt comfortable in, being able to reach out to others," Beth said.

Katie and Audrey took part in the Relay for Life all four years.

For Audrey, her cancer experience shaped her decision to pursue nursing as a career. She wrote an article on the impact of her experience in the *Journal of Christian Nursing*, which was published in April. She says her decision to attend Hope was based in large part on the school's nursing program.

"This was the kind of place where I felt I needed to be," Audrey said. "I feel like this is a home away from home."

Both women had extensive involvement in campus activities during their four years at Hope. Both participated in the annual Nykerk Cup in both their freshmen and sophomore years. "It was a really fun experience. You get to bond with so many people," Katie says.

Audrey was involved with the Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity, the Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society, worked as an assistant for orientation and was a resident assistant. She also took part in the annual Dance Marathon that raises funds for the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.

A composite art and theatre major at Hope, Katie worked in the theatre program's costume shop during three of her years at the college and was involved in designing costumes for a number of productions. In April, she gave a presentation on costumes she had designed for the 2010 production of *The Pinter Project*, during the college's 10th annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance, held at DeVos Fieldhouse. She also performed in theatre productions including *The Skin of Our Teeth* and *Much Ado about Nothing*, in addition to participating in other college activities such as Sacred Dance, Chapel Choir and Gospel Choir.

Katie still has one semester remaining before completing her graduation requirements at Hope. She will spend the fall semester in the college's off-campus program in Chicago, likely pursuing an internship involving fashion design.

"I still have a lot to explore," Katie says. "There are so many different facets and things you can do (in fashion design)."

Meanwhile, Audrey will be taking her board exams for her nursing license in the Chicago area this summer and hopes to find employment at a local hospital.

In the meantime, Katie and Audrey expect to get together frequently.

Although I won't be coming back (to Hope), she'll only be a couple of miles away," Katie said. 🐾



As cancer survivors themselves, Audrey Griffith and Katie Hoekstra were active participants in the annual student-organized Relay for Life held on behalf of the American Cancer Society. They are pictured during this past year's Relay, held at the Dow Center on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13.





International Lessons for a Deeper Perspective

Growing up in a small town in Montana, Aftan Snyder '11 was looking to build a global outlook through her college experience. She's appreciated the opportunities that she found to do that at Hope, from her freshman year through her final semester this past spring.

She began her journey as a participant in the college's Phelps Scholars Program, through which students live in the same residence hall and explore issues related to diversity through coursework, co-curricular programs and day-to-day interaction.

"That was my first step into the more globalized world, to learn more about minorities and diversity in America as a whole," said Snyder who is interested in a



Aftan Snyder '11 appreciated the opportunities to engage with global issues throughout her Hope experience, from participation in the Phelps Scholars Program, to a year abroad, to a dual major including international studies. She is pictured riding at Wadi Rum in southern Jordan in the fall of 2009.

career in international journalism. "That was what sparked my thirst in more global affairs."

She became so inspired that she pursued two majors: international studies and creative writing. She studied Arabic as a sophomore and then spent her entire junior year abroad--the fall in Jordan, and the spring in Scotland.

"I loved it," she said. "It was phenomenal to take what I had learned in the classroom and see it lived out in a country, both good and bad."

Back on campus this past year, she valued how her time overseas in turn enhanced her coursework—and, she hopes, her classmates' coursework--such as this spring during History of U.S. Foreign Policy.

"There are a lot of us in the class who had studied abroad and could give it that more global perspective," Snyder said.

She's also appreciated the impact more broadly.

"I can very comfortably say that the woman I am today is not the same woman who left for Jordan a year ago," Snyder said.

"It's not just study abroad. My entire Hope career has changed me and molded me," Snyder said. "Primarily, study abroad made me a more confident and extroverted person, and made me more comfortable with other people and different situations. I was a very shy person as a freshman."

The goal of preparing students for "lives of leadership and service in a global society," as the college's mission statement says, isn't anything new at Hope. It extends at least as far back as the 1866 inauguration of Hope's first president, the Rev. Philip Phelps, when the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, pastor of Second Reformed Church of Albany, N.Y., presented a challenge for the young school and new president that pressed for students to visit other lands and learn other languages.

Associate Provost Alfredo Gonzales, who is dean for international and multicultural education at Hope, appreciates not only Wyckoff's charge but the way in which President Phelps took it to heart. While subsequently on a trip to the eastern U.S., President Phelps met two students from Japan,



The world is a classroom at Hope, where the emphasis is on helping students not only to better understand the ever-more-interconnected planet of the 21st century, but to find how they will live and

Kumaje Kimura and Motoitiro Oghimi, who he brought to Hope. They graduated as one third of the Class of 1879, with Kimura delivering a valedictory address in Japanese--at a time when the 1847 settling of Holland was still a living memory.

"It's a rich legacy that I think spurs the imagination across the dozens of disciplines at Hope College on why we need to prepare students to achieve a global education," Associate Provost Gonzales said. "Because they in fact do need to be able to live into this increasingly shrinking world and be at home in that world regardless of which part of it they live in."

The international studies major is one manifestation of the priority. A composite major that includes courses from multiple departments, from communication, to economics, history, political science, sociology and religion, in addition to requiring study of a

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serve in it. John Donkersloot '11 spent the fall of 2009 in Aberdeen, Scotland, which, he noted, "forced me to reevaluate what I believe and examine why I am the way that I am. Truly, it was a mind-opening semester."

foreign language and a semester or year abroad, the program encourages students to think "glocally"—in terms of worldwide dynamics, even as they make their own choices close to home.

"The purpose of international studies as a discipline is to engage our students in a globalized, increasingly interconnected world that impacts them and that they impact from here in Holland," said Dr. Annie Dandavati, who is a professor of political science and director of international studies at Hope.

"International studies in my mind is like a little microcosm of what liberal arts is about," she said. "In order for students to get the most out of it, it has to pull from multiple disciplines."

The program's courses aren't limited to students in the major—just as study abroad and



The college's long-running Vienna Summer School, established by Dr. Paul Fried '46 in 1956, is one of the nation's oldest and most respected summer study-abroad programs. Pictured at Schoenbrunn Palace last year are Aura Ankli '11, Stephanie Kahn '11, Sara DeWeerd '11 and Mallory Fox '11.

international engagement isn't the province of international studies majors alone. In fact, some 300 Hope students study abroad each year through either semester-long or full-year programs or shorter summer programs. The opportunities literally range from A to Z, from sports management in Australia to coastal ecology in Zanzibar, more than 200 total. Some are through external organizations, like the IES Abroad Consortium, of which Hope was the second member in 1964; others are run by Hope, like the popular Vienna Summer School established by Dr. Paul Fried '46 in 1956; and others stem from on-going relationships, like the college's long-running student and faculty exchanges with Meiji Gakuin University of Japan.

"Off-campus study can enhance any major," said Amy Otis-DeGrau '96, director of international education at Hope. "With the right planning, it's possible to study abroad in any department."

Otis-DeGrau's office both works with the international students who study at Hope—61 from 29 countries this past year—and helps students seeking to study abroad determine the best fit given their interests and goals.

"We want them to build this into a four-year academic plan," she said. "We spend a lot of time with students exploring their options, exploring how it fits into their majors, helping them connect the dots."

John Donkersloot '11 of Zeeland, Mich., worked a semester at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland into his full schedule earning a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry because he valued the opportunity to gain new perspective.

"Being in a different culture and living among people who have radically different ways of seeing the world than I do—different habits, different beliefs, different foods—is an experience that forced me to reevaluate what I believe and examine why I am the way that I am. Truly, it was a mind-opening semester," he said. "I wouldn't trade my semester abroad for anything else in the world."

Further, he was able to take courses related to his major.

"Going abroad to an English-speaking university actually enhanced my science load here at Hope," he said. "I was able to take classes which weren't offered here, and experiencing a different approach to education was valuable."

The college and its departments are continually developing new ways to engage students internationally. For example, this past year the department of nursing began May Term exchanges with the nursing program of the Autonomous University of Queretaro in Mexico, which in addition to student exchanges through the years has hosted groups from dance and music, and even the football team.

Amy Clinton '11, pictured hiking in Patagonia, spent the spring 2010 semester in Santiago, Chile. A December '10 graduate, she now lives near Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in charge of social impact monitoring and new product development for a local microfinance institution called ¡Sé Más! Microfinanzas. She notes, "Studying abroad in Chile was one of the most influential experiences I have ever had. It prepared me for my current job most notably by giving me the confidence I needed to move to a foreign country and accept a job in which I speak almost entirely in Spanish. I developed interpersonal skills by living with a Chilean family and broadened my horizons by making friends from all over the world."



Nursing major Grace Olamijulo '11 of South Ozone Park, N.Y., appreciated the chance to gain a broader perspective on her discipline—and to use her Spanish.

"As a nursing major, I have constantly been taught about developing cultural competency and sensitivity," she said. "What better way is there to do that than to travel and be immersed in other cultures?"

Hope's students continue to be served well by Rev. Wyckoff's encouragement of President Phelps some 145 years ago. And his advice, important already in the era of horse-drawn carriages and the telegraph, seems even more prescient in the age of airliners and the Internet.

"It took those early students from Japan 12 months to reach Hope College," Associate Provost Gonzales said. "Today, it takes Hope students 12 to 13 hours to reach Japan. That's how close the gap has become." 🐼





Lifelong Learning in a Global Society



Growing up in India, Dr. Annie Dandavati was inspired by several role models who instilled within her a passion for education and a desire to help others and to improve their lives, values she seeks to convey to her students. As director of international studies, she also hopes to help students to learn to think “glocally,” in terms of global dynamics even as they make their own choices close to home.

By Chris Lewis '09

As a professor of political science and the director of international studies, Dr. Annie Dandavati tends to ask her students some of life’s most challenging questions.



Held in high regard by students, Dr. Annie Dandavati received the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator Award in 1997 and was chosen to speak through Mortar Board’s “Last Lecture Series” this past spring.

What do you hope to accomplish during your lifetime?

Which goals and aspirations do you have for the future?

How can you utilize your talents and skill sets to positively impact others – on a local, national, and global basis?

Such questions lead students to consider their own unique vocations as they prepare for lives of active leadership and service after Hope.

“It is my responsibility to provide students with the tools and liberal arts education they will need to succeed both personally and professionally in a global society,” Dr. Dandavati said.

To train students for the challenges and tasks of living and working in the “real world,” Dr. Dandavati strives to educate them both within and outside of the typical classroom setting.

Dr. Dandavati, who also recently concluded four years as director of women’s studies, has had an opportunity to teach a wide array of topics, ranging from Asian politics to gender and human rights.

Courses such as “Introduction to Global Politics” and “International Relations” allow students to concentrate on some of the major issues that are influencing the world today, including politics, globalization, religion, and law, and the impact that such matters may have on future generations.

Meanwhile, courses like “Global Feminisms” and “Latin American Politics”

offer students opportunities to understand and embrace differences. In doing so, they become empowered to use their knowledge as they encounter cultures, religious practices, and economic statuses aside from their own.

“In order to prepare my students for future success in an ever-changing world, I have been focused on developing courses that discuss some of the most significant global, political, and economic issues of our present times,” Dr. Dandavati said. “By instilling a love for learning now, students will be passionate about expanding their knowledge throughout the course of their entire lives.”

To enrich her students’ collegiate experiences, Dr. Dandavati has also developed seminars and courses that take them beyond the borders of the United States.

Through a Senior Seminar course in Rwanda that she co-leads with Dr. Joel Toppen ’91, dozens of students have been better equipped to use their passions, talents, and interests while accepting job offers in all four corners of the globe — and facing and overcoming the uncertainty of leaving their comfort zones.

During trips to countries like Chile and Mexico, she and her students have witnessed firsthand the inequality, poverty, and racial issues that she discusses in the classroom.

For Dr. Dandavati, such real-life experiences and observations are incomparable and should never be taken for granted.

“While studying abroad, the world becomes your classroom. Students are connected to each other, to other cultures, to some of the more significant issues of the world, and to people that may or may not share their viewpoints,” she said. “Although there is no substitute for education in the classroom, lifelong learning in a global society begins when individuals acquire experience in a variety of settings, from the classroom to the fields in which they work.”

Dr. Dandavati’s global perspective and commitment to lifelong learning—and teaching—stem from her childhood. Growing up in India, she was specifically inspired by several role models, including her father and teachers, who instilled within her a passion for education and the desire to help others and to improve their lives.

“My father was a very compassionate and encouraging individual. He always told me to seek out differences, to treat others well, and to show compassion and love to all people,” she said.

Dr. Dandavati also attended Catholic boarding school throughout her childhood. The nuns who oversaw her progress as a student enhanced her self-confidence and helped her realize her future goals and dreams could be accomplished.

“Catholic boarding school definitely impacted my identity and motivated me to make a difference in the world,” she said. “I had been interested in teaching since I was young, but I also recognized that I needed to merge my passions with the needs of the world.”

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influence led her to pursue her educational interests within her native India – first, as an undergraduate student at Jesus and Mary College, located in Delhi, and then as a graduate student at New Delhi’s Jawahar Lal Nehru University.

Upon receiving her master’s degree, Dr. Dandavati traveled to the United States to further embark on her quest to become an educator. After earning her doctorate degree from the University of Denver, she was hired by Hope in 1992.

Since then, she has appreciated the college’s emphasis on preparing students for lives of active leadership and service in Michigan, the United States, and throughout the globe.

“International education and emphasis is an ongoing process and Hope has certainly taken steps in the right direction,” Dr. Dandavati said. “By encouraging students to study abroad and offering them the ability to choose how they prefer to expand their knowledge of cultures, Hope faculty and staff can assist students as they earn their degrees and begin their careers.”

At the same time, Dr. Dandavati’s students and colleagues have appreciated her dedicated leadership and service within the Hope community as well. In 1997, she was honored by the graduating class with the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award and also delivered the Commencement address. Seven years later, she received the college’s Multicultural Life Award and Outstanding Hope Woman Award.

This past January, she was presented the “Ruth and John Reed Faculty Achievement Award,” which recognizes superior faculty members who have contributed in various areas of professional life apart from teaching. In April, Mortar Board invited her to speak through its “Last Lecture Series,” offering the advice she would share if she were addressing students for the last time.

The Mortar Board title is strictly hypothetical. Dr. Dandavati’s focus is very much on the future—particularly on how best to help her students soar in theirs.

“Learning is never complete upon the receipt of a degree. Look at your life in periods of time — what do you want to accomplish?” she said. “Do not let barriers stop you from achieving your dreams and improving the world.”

Undoubtedly, Dr. Dandavati believes that all people can influence the world in which they live—regardless of their backgrounds, ages, or genders.

“Who you are and what your future will be is not determined or limited by your past,” she said. “It is based on your work ethic and the goals and passions you have — you become what you want to be.”



Eyes on the Prize

The combination of repeat performances and several first-time accomplishments led to a successful spring sports season that was key in Hope College celebrating another championship year in athletics.

For an 11th consecutive year Hope has won the Commissioner's Cup of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), but achieving it was no small task.

The Commissioner's Cup is presented to the MIAA-member school with the best cumulative finish across the 18 league-sponsored sports for men and women. Hope's long string of Commissioner's Cup success was in serious jeopardy through the winter sports campaign as rival Calvin held a sizeable point advantage.

Unprecedented success across the board among the spring sports teams sparked the "rally," with Hope claiming The Cup for a record 33rd time in school history.

Headlining the spring performances was the



Senior Andrea Reinecke pitched to perfection for Flying Dutch softball team.

men's track and field team, which for the first time in a quarter of a century claimed a share of the MIAA championship. Late-season rallies keyed second-place finishes in both baseball and softball. The women's tennis team also finished second, while the men's tennis squad ended third.

The men's track and field co-championship with rival Calvin was Hope's first since 1986. Coach Kevin Cole '88 was a member of that

'80s championship team. In Cole's six seasons as head coach, track and field has experienced a resurgence with numerous national qualifiers and school records established. The year's Flying Dutch placed second in the MIAA women's track and field standings.

Track and field also dominated the list of spring accomplishments. Senior Nicholas Rinck of Hudsonville, Mich., became the first Hope male athlete to win an event (400 meter hurdles)

at the MIAA championships in four consecutive years. Two-sport athlete Kara Vande Guchte of Hamilton, Mich., achieved All-MIAA honors in track and field across four consecutive years and became just the ninth Hope athlete all-time to receive all-league honors six times over her career, having received the designation twice in volleyball. Rinck, Vande Guchte and senior Heidi Grooters of Jenison, Mich., each received MIAA most-valuable trackster awards.

Senior high jumper John Donkersloot of Zeeland, Mich., excelled at nationals with an All-America performance (fourth place) for a third consecutive year.

History was also made in softball. Senior Andrea Reinecke of Eaton Rapids, Mich., threw the first perfect game by a Hope softball pitcher against an MIAA opponent when she blanked Kalamazoo 10-0. It capped an outstanding season under first-year coach Mary Vande Hoef, who guided the Flying Dutch to a 25-15-1 season mark behind a base-running style that resulted in a record 90 stolen bases.

Junior pitcher Adam Clements of Saline, Mich., was brilliant on the mound as he achieved All-MIAA and All-Region baseball honors behind a sterling 1.29 earned run average. His 7-3 record was instrumental in Hope's second-place MIAA finish and overall 26-14 mark under veteran coach Stu Fritz.

Both tennis teams were competitive against conference opponents. The race to the MIAA women's tennis championship came down to a single point, with Albion prevailing over the Flying Dutch, 5-4. Katherine Garcia of Battle Creek, Mich., the only senior on the women's tennis team, ended her career with an outstanding 73-21 record in doubles play. The Flying Dutchmen tennis team continued to excel on the court and in the classroom. Senior Brad Boelkins of Ada, Mich., received the MIAA's Lawrence Green Scholar Award, and senior co-captain Jeff Vredenburg of Grand Rapids, Mich., was named a national Fulbright Scholar.

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Excellence Extended

Sports excellence extends beyond Hope's intercollegiate program, as evidenced this past school year by its club sports teams.

The success at a national level by the ice hockey team was reported earlier. The competitiveness extended into the spring sports season as both the men's and women's lacrosse programs experienced success at new levels.

The women's lacrosse team, under first-year coach Tracy Benjamin '09, advanced to the tournament of the Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League for the first time in school history and finished the season with an 11-3 record.

Men's lacrosse, which has been part of the Hope club landscape since the 1970s, received a first-time bid to the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association tournament and concluded the year ranked in the top 10 nationally with a 12-3-1 record under coach Mike Schanhals '90.

Senior captain Eric Weber of Saline, Mich., pictured above, earned first team All-American MCLA honors for a third straight year and ended his collegiate career as the all-time leader in goals scored (303) among all levels of college lacrosse.



Three-time All-American high jumper John Donkersloot.



Multi-talented Kara Vande Guchte received rare MIAA recognition.



Hammer-thrower Heidi Grooters was the MIAA's best field performer.



Hurdler Nicholas Rinck won event an unprecedented fourth time.



Faculty Kudos



OUTSTANDING PROF: Dr. Heather Sellers of the English faculty was presented the 47th "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award by the graduating Class of 2011 during Commencement on Sunday, May 8.

The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the best qualities of the Hope College educator.

Dr. Sellers has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1995. A professor of English, she teaches poetry, fiction and creative non fiction.

The student recognition for her role as a teacher and mentor follows ongoing national acclaim for her recent memoir, *You Don't Look Like Anyone I Know: A True Story of Family, Face Blindness, and Forgiveness*. The memoir was named a 2011 Michigan Notable Book by the Library of Michigan in December, and received a 2011 "Adult Literature Award" from the Chicago, Ill.-based Friends of American Writers in April; and has been highlighted in publications ranging from the *New York Times*, to *Psychology Today*, *Elle*, *People* and *O, The Oprah Magazine*, where it was a book of the month pick. Since the book's release, she has been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered*, ABC's *Good Morning America* and *Rachael Ray*, among others.

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IMPACT HONORED: Dr. David Myers of the psychology faculty was honored across the recent school year by three national associations for service and career impact.

In October, he was honored for his career contributions by the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences Foundation. He was celebrated on the FABBS Foundation website during October through the foundation's "In Honor Of" program, which recognizes eminent, senior scientists who have made important and lasting contributions to the sciences of mind, brain and behavior.

In January, he received the 2011 "Award for Distinguished Service on Behalf of Social-Personality Psychology" presented by the Society for Personality and Social Psychology during the organization's annual convention in San Antonio, Texas.

In April, the American Academy of Audiology presented him with its President's Award for 2011 during the national AudiologyNOW! Annual convention for launching the effort to "loop America," spearheading new hearing-loop technology which broadcasts public-address systems, television and telephone sounds directly to hearing aids, doubling their functionality.

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OUTSTANDING ADVISOR: Dr. Jeff Brown, assistant professor of engineering, has been named the 2011 recipient of the "Peter J. Bosscher Faculty Advisor Award for Outstanding Leadership" by Engineers Without Borders-USA (EWB-USA).

He was honored on Saturday, March 26, during an awards gala and reception held in conjunction with the Eighth Annual EWB-USA International Conference.

Dr. Brown has been a co-advisor of the Hope chapter of EWB-USA since joining the faculty in 2005. He has played a leadership role in guiding the chapter's on-going interdisciplinary service and research project focused on improving water quality and hygiene education in the village of Nkuv in Cameroon. The project has been ongoing since the 2005-06 school year.

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KOREAN-AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE: A book of poetry by Dr. David Cho of the English faculty explores the experience of life as a Korean-American.

Night Sessions, published by CavanKerry Press

of Fort Lee, N.J., follows an earlier volume by Dr. Cho, *Song of Our Songs*, a chapbook which was published by Finishing Line Press in 2010. Both are based primarily on Dr. Cho's life as a Chicago-born and -raised child of Korean parents, who immigrated to America in 1971.

Whether writing of his parents, other relatives, his multi-ethnic friends, or other members of community or congregation, Dr. Cho seeks to honor and elucidate the past, even as it clashes with the present to form an American hybrid: the poet himself. Along the way, he revisits moments of childhood confusion and wonder, of assimilation and tradition, of memory and loss.

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TULIP TIME HONOR: Glenn Van Wieren '64 of Holland, Mich., was grand marshal of the Tulip Time Volksparade on Wednesday, May 11, highlighted along with spouse Jackie Nyboer '67 Van Wieren (in foreground).

A professor emeritus of kinesiology, he retired at the end of the 2009-10 school year. He joined the faculty in 1966, and coached the men's basketball team for 33 seasons.



VANDERBUSH-WELLER HONOREES: Registrar Jon Huiskens and education faculty member John Yelding have received the college's 11th annual "Vanderbush-Weller Development Fund" awards in recognition of their strong, positive impact on students.

The award recognizes and supports the efforts of Hope faculty and staff who make extraordinary contributions to the lives of students.

Huiskens is dean for academic services and registrar and an adjunct associate professor of English. A member of the Hope staff since 1969, he is retiring at the end of the month.

Professor Yelding is an associate professor of education, and directs the college's American Ethnic Studies minor and "Encounter with Cultures" course. He has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1994.

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ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT: Dr. John Lunn, who is the Robert W. Haack Professor of Economics, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Association of Christian Economists (ACE).

ACE aims to encourage Christian scholars to explore and communicate the relationship between their faith and the discipline of economics, and to promote interaction and communication among Christian economists. The association has about 300 members, who are Christian economists in academia, business and government.

Dr. Lunn most recently served the ACE as a member of the editorial board of "Faith and Economics," the review published by the association twice a year. Through the years he has also organized sessions and presented papers during the group's annual meeting.

He will serve as president through 2012.

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OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC TRAINER: Meg Abfall '96 Frens, who is an assistant professor of kinesiology and athletic trainer, has received the President's Excellence Award from the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association (GLATA).

She was honored "in recognition of service, leadership, professionalism and exemplary contributions to the GLATA membership." The award was announced on Friday, March 11, in conjunction with the group's annual Winter Symposium, held in Minneapolis, Minn.

Professor Frens, who is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), is active in the state, regional and national athletic training associations in a variety of ways.

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RUGBY STAND-OUT: What started as a backyard hobby amongst friends has led to competition at the international level for junior Jake Fallon of Holland, Mich.

This spring, Fallon was named to the U.S. Men's Junior All-American Under-20s squad that represented the United States at the International Rugby Board Junior World Rugby Trophy competition, which was held in Tbilisi, Georgia. The team finished 1-3 in the May 24-June 5 event.

In March, he was also one of only 20 men from across the country invited to attend the national selection camp for Team USA Rugby Sevens at the Olympic Training Center at Chula Vista, Calif., trying out for one of 12 slots on the team, which is competing around the world in the 2010-11 HSBC Sevens World Series. He didn't land a berth on the national Rugby Sevens team this year, which would have been an extraordinarily rare achievement on the first attempt, but remains a strong contender for the future. Sevens Rugby will be an Olympic sport in 2016.

Fallon was a founding member of the rugby club at West Ottawa High School, and was on teams that won state championships during the club's first two years, and was named the state's MVP the first year and remains the club's leading scorer. He helped organize the college's rugby club during his freshman year, but played with the Grand Rapids Gazelles this past year. Last summer he played on the Midwest Thunderbirds team against the Ontario Blues.



OUTSTANDING SINGERS:

Senior Heather Benson of Muskegon, Mich., and Sarah Ashcroft '11 of Holland, Mich., (pictured left to right) each won first place during the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Great Lakes Regional Competition, held at Bowling Green State University

on Saturday, March 5.

Ashcroft won in the College Senior Women's Division, and Benson won in the Advanced (graduate-level) Division. They had each previously earned first-place awards in the same categories during the NATS Michigan State Chapter Auditions on Saturday, Nov. 6.

In addition, Ashcroft won the 2011 Opera Grand Rapids Collegiate Competition, held on Sunday, April 17, at the Betty Van Andel Opera Center. She was one of seven finalists—three of whom were from Hope—from Grand Rapids-area colleges and universities competing in the event after having been chosen from among 10 select contestants during an initial round in February.

Both Ashcroft and Benson are majoring in vocal music performance and vocal music education.

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MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT: A team of Hope students finished in the top third nationally in the 2010 William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition, a contest so challenging that the median score this year was two points out of a possible 120.

Four Hope students competed in the event: senior Nathan Graber of Washington, D.C.; senior XiSen Hou of Qingdao, China; sophomore Joshua Kammeraad of Bethel Park, Pa., and senior Bobby Nash of Niles, Mich. They finished 121st out of teams of undergraduates representing 442 colleges and universities from the United States and Canada. Individually, each of the four students scored between 10 and 20 points on the exam, all ranking within the top 1,670 out of the 4,296 individual participants from 546 institutions.

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NSF FELLOWSHIP HONORS:

A total of five graduating seniors or recent graduates have received prestigious Graduate Research Fellowships from the National Science Foundation.

The Hope recipients, announced by the NSF in April, included graduating senior Valerie Winton '11 of Lake Bluff, Ill., and four alumni: Shirley Bradley '11; Ryan Davis '09; Jacob Dickinson '09; and Christopher Ploch '10.

It is the third year in a row that five or more graduating seniors or recent alumni have received fellowships or honorable mention in the program, with three or more receiving fellowships during each of the three years. The NSF awarded approximately 2,000 of the fellowships nationwide this year.

The awards are for students in the early stage of pursuing a research-based master's or doctoral degree in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines. The fellowships are for up to three years, and pay a \$30,000 annual stipend and a \$10,500 cost-of-education allowance.

Winton majored in chemistry, and plans to pursue a doctorate in organic chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Bradley majored in biology and chemistry, and is pursuing graduate study in biochemistry and molecular biology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Davis majored in biology, and is pursuing graduate study in cell biology at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dickinson majored in engineering, and is pursuing graduate study in chemical engineering at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Ploch majored in engineering, and is pursuing graduate study in mechanical engineering at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. (and also received a highly prestigious National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship).

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GOLDWATER SCHOLARS:

Two seniors have received highly competitive scholarships from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Anne Georges of Ramsey, Minn., and Colin Rathbun of Ada, Mich., each received scholarships for 2011-12, out of only 275 awarded nationwide.

The scholarships were awarded by the Board of Trustees of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation to undergraduate sophomores and juniors. The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,095 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

Georges is majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology, and minoring in mathematics, and plans to pursue a doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biology. Rathbun is pursuing the college's American Chemical Society-certified chemistry major and minoring in mathematics, and plans to pursue a doctorate in organometallic chemistry.

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FULBRIGHT AWARDS:

Jeffrey Vredenburg '11 and Edward Helderop '09, who have been friends since seventh grade and were classmates at Forest Hills Northern High School in Grand Rapids, Mich., have

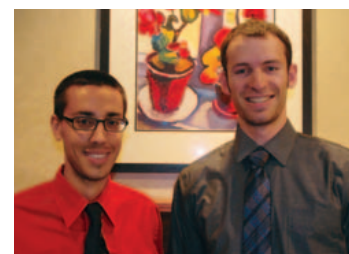
each received highly competitive English teaching assistantships for the coming year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Vredenburg will spend September through mid-July 2012 in Ecuador, teaching English as well as working with local conservation and sustainability organizations on community-education projects. Helderop will be in Andorra from September until May or June 2012, teaching English and conducting research regarding the teaching of Catalan in Andorran schools.

Vredenburg triple-majored in biology, French and Spanish, and studied abroad in France, China, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Argentina. Helderop majored in biology and minored in Spanish and environmental science, and from March of 2010 until March of this year taught English in Muju, South Korea, primarily for elementary and middle school students but also for high school students and adults.

Several Hope students or recent graduates have received the awards through the years, including four each in 2008 and 2009, and two last year.

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Scott Travis '06
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Time plays tricks on me this time of year. During Alumni Weekend, I have the privilege of celebrating with graduates 30 to 70 years into their lives as alumni. Then, just one week later, I attend Commencement and celebrate graduates whose lives of leadership and service are just beginning. These two events, separated on the calendar by days, represent perspectives of the Hope experience that are years apart.

It is a unique opportunity to see these different, yet similar, snapshots of the Hope experience take place in such proximity. This year was especially enjoyable. Perhaps blue skies and warm weather made Alumni Weekend and Commencement particularly sublime. A more likely explanation, however, is that the quality of the people honored contributed to the joyfulness of both occasions.

Connie Hinga '49 Boersma, Jon Soderstrom '76 and Bill Heydorn '55 formed a fantastic trio of alumni perspectives at the annual Alumni Banquet. Upon receiving awards from the Alumni Association, they each shared a portion of their Hope story. President Bultman always wraps up the evening with remarks of his own. He often says, "I wish our students and all alumni could be at an event like this." We agree and have posted a video of the award recipients' speeches at www.youtube.com/hopecollege.

Then, on Sunday, May 8, Hope held Commencement exercises for the 146th time. This year approximately 745 graduates crossed the stage, the most in Hope's history. Dr. Jesus Montañó and Rev. Dr. Blaine Newhouse '86 shared their wisdom with the class at Commencement and Baccalaureate respectively. Photos of the day, as well as galleries from throughout the academic year, are available at www.hope.edu/pr/gallery.

While the perspectives shared at these college traditions are years apart, the educational foundations are the same. From the alumni celebrating their 50th reunion to new alumni at Commencement, Hope graduates are educated to think about life's most important issues with clarity, wisdom, and a deep understanding of the Christian faith.

Window to Hope's History



As Hope's first president, the Rev. Philip Phelps Jr. played a foundational role in setting institutional priorities and character which continue to this day. Committed to engaging Hope with the world and the world with Hope, he brought multiple students from Japan in the 1860s and 1870s to attend both the Hope prep school and the college itself. As alumni back in their homeland they remembered President Phelps and his family fondly, and so upon learning of his Sept. 4, 1896, death a number of them gathered in his memory and posed for the photo above (note his portrait on the table). Seated are Ryozo Tsugawa (Hope Prep), Kumaje Kimura (Hope 1879) and Motoitero Oghimi (Hope 1879). Standing are Tametsune Matsuda (Hope 1883) and Nanomiya Tsugawa (Hope Prep).

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All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Tuesday, May 10, have been included in this issue. Because of the lead time required by this publication's production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituary notices) have been held for the next issue, the deadline for which is Tuesday, July 12.

40s

Donald Mulder '48 of Pacific Palisades, Calif., will be inducted into Blissfield Athletic Department's Hall of Fame Class of 2011 on Saturday, Sept. 17. He played football, basketball and baseball. He played basketball at Hope, but his career was interrupted by service in World War II, in which he was a P-51 Mustang pilot. He returned to Hope and resumed participation in sport as he completed his education.



Norma Hoffman '52 Richardson of Mount Pleasant, Mich., was the honorary grand marshal during the installation of the new president at Central Michigan University last October, since she is the longest-teaching person at the university. She is a languages (Spanish) professor. (Photo courtesy of Central Michigan University)

50s

Caryl Paarlberg '50 Koopman and her husband celebrated 60 years of marriage on May 4.

Dr. L. James Harvey '52 of Caledonia, Mich., has had his first Christian book updated and republished. The book, titled *The Resurrection - Ruse or Reality?*, explores in depth the issues for and against the physical resurrection of Jesus. The issues are examined in the context of a criminal courtroom trial and the reader is invited to become a member of the jury and to determine whether "beyond a reasonable doubt" Jesus actually arose.

60s

Barbara Phillippsen '60 Middernacht and **Steven Middernacht '61** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January. Barbara is an adoption case worker at the Children's Choice office. Steven is the director of music ministry at First Lutheran Church.

Robert Timmer '60 of Granger, Ind., returned in late March from a Gideon International distribution blitz in the northern area of Indonesia, where more than 111,000 Scriptures were handed out in 334 schools plus two universities, four jails, seven hotels and 13 hospitals. He was also able to give two Gideon presentations in a large Reformed church with around 1,400 attending.

Michael Blough '61 of Vicksburg, Mich., was inducted into the Vicksburg Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, March 26.

George Boerigter '61 of Hudsonville, Mich., has sponsored the Business Plan and Elevator speech competition at Calvin College for years 2010-12; additionally he has agreed to sponsor the thrice-a-year Business School to Business Breakfast series at the Anderson School of Business at the University of New Mexico for the next two years. His business SoundOff Signal has become one of the fastest growing ESOPs in United States and has rung up 20 straight years of growth without a single layoff, wage or benefit cut and has never lost money. The business now exports to more than 250 countries around the world from its home base in Hudsonville.

Wayne Joosse '61 of East Troy, Wis., and his wife have been work-campers at Mendota Hills campground near Amboy, Ill., and assisting at The Refuge, a small church connected with the campground.

Thomas Klaasen '61 of Dallas, Texas, is retiring after 44 years of teaching, the last 22 years at Texas Wesleyan University in academics.



During its annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, April 30, the Alumni Association celebrated the difference made by three alumni through career and service. From left to right are **Dr. William Heydorn '55** of Tiburon, Calif., a physician who served in the U.S. Army for nearly 30 years and has stayed active in medicine since retiring as a colonel in 1989, currently as a surveyor with the Joint Commission (Distinguished Alumni Award); **Connie Hinga '49 Boersma** of Holland, Mich., who grew up at Hope, where her father, the late Milton L. "Bud" Hinga, was a member of the teaching, coaching and administrative staff for 29 years, and has stayed involved in the life of the college ever since (Meritorious Service Award; Distinguished Alumni Award in 1978); and **Dr. Jon Soderstrom '76** of Madison, Conn., who is the managing director of the Office of Cooperative Research at Yale University (Distinguished Service Award). Biographical sketches of all three alumni are available online. [More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc](http://www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc)

William Kuyper '61 of Las Cruces, N.M., and his wife are enjoying retirement in New Mexico. He retired from the New York Philharmonic but not from horn playing. He performs regularly with two symphony orchestras, plays chamber music and performs as a soloist from time to time. **Dennis DeWitt '63** of Holland, Mich., and his wife, **Mary Kuiper '63 DeWitt** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in April.

Mark Lewis '64 of Orange, Conn., retired on Friday, April 1, after 42 years in the sports department at the *New Haven Register*. He served as a writer for 11 years, editor for two years, and copy editor for 29 years.

Leslie Clark '66 Hirsch of Portland, Ore., retired from Reynolds School District in July 2010 after 10 years teaching elementary and middle school strings. She will still be teaching private lessons and spending time with her husband, who has lung cancer.

Thelma (Tommie) Leenhouts '66 of Washington, D.C., served as the team lead for one of the major grant programs at the U.S. Department of Education, the \$650 million Investing in Innovation (i3) grant program. Last year, the first year of the program, grants were awarded to 49 school districts and non-profit organizations. She also had an opportunity to play basketball with the Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. She

represented her office in a version of "HORSE," and was able to keep it competitive.

John Simons '66 of Colorado Springs, Colo., is the co-author of a newly released book on film, *Peckinpah's Tragic Westerns: A Critical Study*.

70s

Susan Steiner '71 Bolhouse of Flint, Mich., is currently serving on the board of directors to the Flint Institute of Arts and the Hurley Hospital Foundation, and is the chairman of the Ballenger Lecture Series at Mott College and works with Therapy Dogs International.

Roger Cook '71 of Spring Lake, Mich., is semi-retired from Meijer, but continues to keep his hand in pharmacy by working part time with Hometown Pharmacy and is "on call" to several West Michigan pharmacies.

Mary DeLange '71 of Orland Park, Ill., and her daughter **Susan DeLange '03** spent time in Huaycan, Peru, this winter working for The Light and Leadership Initiative, giving education and medical services to women and children in poverty. Mary is on the international board.

Robert Eckrich '71 of Germantown, Md., retired in October 2009 from the U.S. Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel.



News from 1949

"After our 50th class reunion in 1999, a group of women from the Class of 1949 decided we had such a good time together we should see more of each other. Thus was born 'The 49ers,' and the loosely organized group of about 15 'girls' has been meeting for lunch once a month ever since. Most are from Holland, Grand Rapids and areas in between. After clasping hands and praying, we spend the time talking, laughing, reminiscing and planning where we will eat next time. We're not fussy—we've been to Alpen Rose, Boatwerks, Olive Garden, Trestle Stop in Hamilton, Franks in Zeeland, potlucks at our homes and even at a nursing home when someone was recovering.

Occasionally some have joined us from Chicago, Arizona and Taiwan when they were in town. We've lost a couple to death, but most of us are big survivors at 83-84—it must be all the laughing and our love for Hope!" Pictured in July 2010 clockwise around the table from the left are: **Connie Hinga '49 Boersma, Jean Wiersma '49 Weener, Mary "Muncie" VandeWege '49 Boeve, Claire Wierenga '49 Monsma, Barbara VanDyke '49 Vande Waa, Lois DeKleine '49 Scott, Iris VandeBunte '49 Myaard, Marcia DenHerder '50 Kempers, Lucille Brunsting '49 Noordhoff, and Peggy Prins '49 DeHaan.**

Nancy Forest-Flier '71 of Alkmaar, Netherland translated a book, *Departure Time* by **Truus Matti** (Dutch title: *Vertrektijd*), published in the U.S. in 2009 by Namelos. The book was named a Mildred L. Batchelder Honor Book in 2011 by the Association for

Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association. The Batchelder Award is a citation awarded to an American publisher for a children's book considered to be the most outstanding of those books originally published in a language other

than English in a country other than the United States, and subsequently translated into English and published in the United States. *Departure Time* was also one of 40 international books listed by the United States Board on Books for Young People for its 2011 Honor List.

Dale Kleinhessel '71 of Belmont, Mich., was ordained to the gospel ministry by Maranatha Bible Church in Comstock Park, Mich., on Sunday, Feb. 27.

Glenn Lowe '71 of Holland, Mich., has joined Resthaven Care Community as director of development.

Kathleen Maatman '71 of White Cloud, Mich., has retired from the Saranac Community Schools after 37 years of teaching. She will continue to substitute teach for various schools in the area.

Susan Klaner '71 Madden of Macomb, Mich., has retired and is now substitute teaching, driving for a limousine company, and doing home improvements.

Paul Malmberg '71 of Amsterdam, N.Y., has retired after owning his own business as a computer software consultant for 25 years. He is currently involved in city politics. He was elected in 2008 to serve a three-year term and chairs the City of Amsterdam Citizens Review Board. He was appointed in 2010 by the mayor to the City of Amsterdam Board of Ethics.

Sue Acus '71 Miller of Erie, Pa., continues to play the French horn in the Erie Community Theatre pit orchestra and the Gem City Band.

William O'Connor '71 and his wife **Susan vonBergen '71 O'Connor** have moved from western New York to Aurora, Colo.

Karen Schamper '71 Schra of Holland, Mich., has retired from the field of education.

Linda Knapp '71 Shuren of Hightstown, N.J., retired as director



Frank Kraai '60 of Holland, Mich., has retired after more than a decade as a Tulip Time commentator and co-host of MacMedia's *Lakeshore Living* program with **Wendy Wigger-Jornales '84**, concluding his service with Holland's May 2011 Tulip Time. A Tulip Time volunteer for more than 45 years, he was a teacher and principal with the West Ottawa Public Schools for 30 years, and spent another 15 years at Hope as a student teacher supervisor, educator and mentor.

of marketing and sales with Peterson's Guide Inc.. She and her husband, **Richard Shuren '71**, now spend their summers in the Adirondack mountains, winter in Florida and time in New Jersey to see family. They are celebrating their 40-year anniversary in June.

Richard Shuren '71 of Hightstown, N.J., retired as a senior toxicologist in 2005 after 32 years at Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

Martha Jenkins '71 Wing and her husband, **Stephen Wing '71**, who was an RCA pastor for 33 years, have come full circle and are now living in Holland and both are working with



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Please visit the college online for a gallery of images taken during this year's Alumni Weekend, April 29-30, which included reunions for every fifth class from 1964 through 1981, a ceremony welcoming the members of the Class of '61 into the 50-Year Circle (graduates from 50 years ago and earlier), the presentation of Distinguished Alumni Awards and a Meritorious Service Award, and more.

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the homeless at the Holland Rescue Mission.

Mark deRoo '73 of Holland, Mich., is the new culture change coach at the Resthaven Care Community.

Mary Theresa Van Anandel '73 of Holland, Mich., was installed as the new associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo.

John Brown '76 of Ada, Mich., has been appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to Michigan's Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board.

Elaine Faustman '76 of Seattle, Wash., is a professor of environmental and occupational health sciences and directs a large research program and institute in the School of Public Health at the University of Washington on risk assessment and children's health. She was also elected Secretary General for the International Union of Toxicology, representing more than 10,000 members worldwide. She was also recently married.

Edward Mackiewicz '76 of Colleyville, Texas, has held the same job title but with three different companies. It started with Sabre Holdings, which sold off his business unit to EDS, which was then purchased by Hewlett Packard. He reports that he recently returned from an amazing trip to Antarctica.

Louise Purring '76 Shoemaker of Morrisville, Pa., celebrated the 21st anniversary of her ordination as Pastor of Word & Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church. She reports that it has been a blessed journey built on the support and guidance of a strong education at Hope.

80s

Daniel Hafley '80 of Portland, Ore., participated in a mountaineering

expedition to Peru's Cordillera Blanca last summer. The small group was supported by Portland's Mazamas climbing club.

Carol Bechtel '81 of Holland, Mich., received a grant from the Louisville Institute for a project called, "Have you Considered My Servant Job?" This grant allows her to work with a small group of RCA chaplains on stories of their struggles to come to terms with issues of suffering and justice. As a part of the grant, she will also be working on a historical novel based on the life of her great-uncle, **Ralph Bielema '31**, who served as a chaplain in World War II.

Marianne Dykema '81 Griffin of East Grand Rapids, Mich., has moved back to Michigan after 27 years in Illinois, Texas, and Indiana, and is enjoying reconnecting with friends. She recently completed her course work to become a Michigan Master Gardener.

Deborah Blair '81 Jeffers of Ada, Mich., graduated *summa cum laude* from Grand Rapids Theological Seminary in May 2008 with a master's degree in counseling. In October 2010, she accepted a position with Beacon Hill at Eastgate, a continuing care retirement community in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she is the spiritual services coordinator.

Martin Klein '81 of Far Hills, N.J., has been appointed senior vice president-chief financial officer of Genworth Financial Inc.

Jay Lindell '81 of Holland, Mich., is the senior area director with Young Life in Holland and is coordinator for church partnerships with Young Life in Michigan. He is also an adjunct professor at Hope College, teaching classes in youth ministry.

Phyllis Montanari '81 of Montgomery, N.Y., presented "Freedom Songs of the Underground Railroad: Implications for Therapy" during the New England Region of the American Music Therapy Association's spring conference in 2009. She was also scheduled to present in April at the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Music Therapy Association's spring conference on the topic "NPI application process for the music therapist." She is also finishing up her coursework through the school of Christian living and serving to become a preaching elder in the RCA.

Ronald Moolenaar '81 of Atlanta, Ga., is the new editor in chief of the journal known as *MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report)*.

Karen Navis '81 of Grandville, Mich., has spent 25 years in Christian nonprofits as a program manager and director of quality, and now holds the position of manager of population based programs at Grand Valley Health.

Betty Peterson '81 Picard of Richland, Mich., was the soprano soloist for Kellogg Community College's performance of the Mozart Mass in C Minor in April 2011.

J. Matthew Soeter '81 of Norco, Calif., and his wife are working with an international student program, now at six schools, primarily in southern California. They have reconnected with **Jane DeVries '81 Tuls**, who is directing a program for them in West Michigan.

Carol Girod '81 Van Anandel of Ada, Mich., was the speaker at Adrian College's commencement on Sunday, May 1.

Marcia Wolffis '81 Von Her and her husband, **John Von Her '82**, have moved to Palmer, Alaska, where they hope to open a bed and breakfast soon.

Debbi Lockhart '82 Jarvis of Washington, D.C., has been appointed to vice president of corporate citizenship and social responsibility with Pepco Holding Inc. She joined PHI in 2004 as manager of media relations and later served as vice president of corporate communications.

David Rhem '82 of Spring Lake, Mich., has joined Scholten Fant law firm. He is an employment lawyer who advises employers and employees on employment law issues, including handling employment litigation lawsuits in State and Federal court.

Duane VandenBrink '84 of Holland, Mich., recently was one of the featured participants in Grand Valley State University's 50th anniversary celebrations. Duane, along with another chemical research colleague from Gentex Corporation, presented "Amazing Chemistry." Through the use of many exciting and visual engaging scientific demonstrations, more than 250 kids, parents, and students were presented with a wide array of exciting chemistry demonstrations.

Johnny Marmelstein '85 of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., was named the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Coach of the Year and the Orange County Register Coach of the Year for leading his St. Margaret's girls' varsity soccer team to the 2011 CIF-SS Championship. The Tartans finished the season at 26-3-1, which included a county-best 25 match unbeaten streak. He has compiled a 362-153-48 record over the span of a 26-year high school soccer coaching career while earning his second championship at St. Margaret's and his fourth CIF-SS championship overall.

James Shields '85 of Mahwah, N.J., has been promoted to Commercial Portfolio Manager IV in commercial lending at TD Bank.

Rebecca Arenas '86 of Holland, Mich., was honored at the "Parents are Priceless" fundraising dinner for Life Services System of Ottawa County on Thursday, April 28. She was recognized as someone who has helped shape a brighter future by facing parenting challenges effectively. **Lisa Welling '86 Roudebush** of San Diego, Calif., teaches middle school strings, upper school string ensemble and advanced chamber orchestra,

and is a co-founder and co-director of the lancer orchestra at Francis Parker School, a private college-preparatory school.

David Kuiper '88 of Zeeland, Mich., has been named one of the top 200 loan officers in the country in an annual ranking by *The Scotsman Guide*. He is the only loan officer in West Michigan to be recognized this year. He is employed at First Place Bank.

Mark B. Laverman '88 of Phoenix, Ariz., was named Photographer of the Year by the American Advertising Federation Metro Phoenix on Saturday, March 5. The award was primarily for his work used in the current Arizona Office of Tourism advertising campaign. The \$3 million campaign designed to increase tourism to Arizona is based on 14 of Mark's images of Arizona. Besides print ads in many national publications, the images were also used in huge "wallscapes" up to 80 feet tall in downtown Los Angeles and Chicago. His photos are also featured on the cover and throughout the 2011 Official Arizona State Visitor's Guide, and on the cover of the current official Arizona State Visitor's Map.

Johnnie Tuitel '88 of Grand Rapids, Mich., spoke on Tuesday, March 29, at Western Michigan University on "Empowering Ability."

90s

Jennifer Baker '91 has made London, England, her home. She continues to work part-time as associate pastor of Westminster Community Church and is also part-time as an itinerant speaker with her own ministry.



Nancy Warner '71 Taylor of Sturgis, Mich., and **Mary Ponstein '71 DeLange**, former Hope College roommates, took a trip to Europe this past fall. They had the privilege of seeing the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, and did the *Sound of Music* tour in Salzburg, Austria. They have remained great friends, taking a trip together yearly, plus calling each other weekly to keep in touch.

David DeKok '75 of Harrisburg, Pa., appeared on the History Channel in the show "Journey to the Earth's Core," talking about the Centralia, Pa., mine fire, the subject of his first two books. His third book, *The Epidemic: A Collision of Power, Privilege, and Public Health*, was published in February by Lyons Press, an imprint of Globe Pequot Press. It is a non-fiction account of a typhoid epidemic in 1903 in Ithaca, N.Y., that killed 85 people, including 29 Cornell University students. The company responsible for the disaster evolved directly into General Public Utilities Corp., responsible for the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in 1979. His next book will be about the officially unsolved



murder of Betsy Aardsma, a graduate student in English who was stabbed to death in the Penn State library in 1969. Betsy spent her freshman and sophomore years at Hope College before transferring to the University of Michigan. He is pictured at Borders during a book signing in Harrisburg, Pa., for *Fire Underground: The Ongoing Tragedy of the Centralia Mine Fire*.

Lori Gano-Overway '91 of Mount Sidney, Va., received the Martha B. Thornton Faculty Recognition Award from Bridgewater College, where she is the associate professor of health and exercise science.

Kristen Lambrides-Robin '91 of Swartz Creek, Mich., presented a two-hour sign language workshop at Hope on Monday, April 11, during the college's annual Disability Awareness Week, providing general sign language instruction during the first half and instruction on signing music during the second. She has worked as an entertainment sign language interpreter for the past 20 years, and has her own business, Handmade Sounds. She also again served as sign interpreter during the college's Baccalaureate services and Commencement ceremony, held on Sunday, May 8.

Karen Bentz '92 Howatt of Dexter, Mich., is working on her master's degree in nursing at Walden College. She is currently an adjunct clinical instructor at Jackson Community College.

Katie Kowalczyk '92 Fulmer of Grand Haven, Mich., has been selected the Class A Coach of the Year by the Associated Press. She is the Grand Haven girls' basketball coach, and led the team to a 26-0 season this year.

Laura Jackson '93 Sample of Holland, Mich., is the new manager of technical education at Michigan Blood.

Eric Skoien '95 of Shorewood, Wis., is the recruiting manager for the energy practice at Navigant Consulting. Navigant is a leading consulting firm with deep energy industry expertise in business planning, emerging technologies, energy efficiency, energy star, energy policy, smart grid, energy markets and renewable energy such as wind and solar.

Carrie Blanchard '96 Farnum of Zeeland, Mich., is the new benefits account executive at Lighthouse Group Insurance.

Stephanie Toering '96 Peters of Cedar Falls, Iowa, has received tenure at Wartburg College.

Matthew Kuiper '98 has returned from India after nine years of living in that country and has been admitted to the Ph.D. program in world religions and world church at the University of Notre Dame. He will start the program this fall as one of the university's Presidential Fellows.

Robin Bolt '99 Trumble of Lansing, Mich., is a registered nurse (please see "Advanced Degrees") on the mother/baby unit at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich.

Brian Yarch '99 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been named chief operating officer of Regal Financial LLC. He is one of the three original founders.

Mark Youngs '99 of Caledonia, Mich., will be one of two court coaches for the U19 Women's 2011 USA Basketball World Championship and World University Games Team Trials. He is the coach of the women's basketball team at Davenport University. The team went 33-0 this year and was the top-ranked team in NAIA Division II.

00s

Brian Dryfhout '00 of Orland Hill, Ill., has accepted a producer/videographer position at the National Insurance Crime Bureau in Des Plaines, Ill. He will be working with government officials and law enforcement agencies in investigating and arresting criminals in insurance fraud schemes.

Kristin Koenigsnecht '01 Alkire

of Otsego, Mich., was presented with the Otsego Public Schools Teacher of the Year Award for 2011 on Thursday, March 10.

Elizabeth Flory '01 Dominiak of Las Vegas, Nev., is a child advocate for the S.A.F.E. House domestic violence shelter.

Matthew Goupell '01 of Madison, Wis., has accepted a position as an assistant professor of hearing and speech at the University of Maryland - College Park.

Ryan Klinger '01 of Fennville, Mich., was named Coach of the Year by the Associated Press and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Carrie Lowe '01 of Knoxville, Tenn., is employed by the University of Montana at a research station in Kaniksu National Forest (please see "Advanced Degrees").

Jacob Sitati '01 of Chicago, Ill., spoke at Hope College on Wednesday, April 13, on "Global Development, Internationalization, and Education." He is a managing member of Maurice and Fischer Inc., an international public affairs and public policy advocacy firm based in Chicago.

Sarah Zoulek '01 Wolting of Shelby, Mich., is the girls' basketball coach at Shelby High School.

Susan DeKam '02 of Plano, Texas, performed a recital at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, Mich., on Sunday, March 27.

Mark Simonson '02 of Holland, Mich., is the Consumers Credit Union's mortgage loan officer.

Susan DeLange '03 of Western Springs, Ill., recently finished her residency in medicine at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., and is a fellow in endocrinology at Loyola Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

Matthew Farmer '04 of Jackson, Mich., was Hope College's guest adjudicator for the annual student dance concert on Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12.

Elizabeth Steenwyk '04 of Holland, Mich., has been promoted to assistant registrar and transfer student advisor at Hope College.

Lacey Carr '05 of Marysville, Mich., took first place in the Strongman (woman) competition on Saturday, March 26.

Emily Wood '05 Gibbs of Freeport, Texas, has accepted a position as the education program specialist at the National Federation of the Blind. She will be working on national education initiatives for blind children.

Katherine Helmer '05 Trust of Beverly Hills, Mich., graduated from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law in May 2009. She passed the July 2009 Michigan bar exam and was admitted to practice in Michigan on Nov. 4, 2009. Katherine has joined Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. in Troy as an associate attorney.

Sarah Blankenship '06 Cox and her husband **Kyle Cox '06** moved

back to Holland, Mich., in August 2010 after accepting a middle-school choir teaching position.

Michael Dominiak '06 of Las Vegas, Nev., is working as a stagehand for Cirque Du Soleil, Criss Angel Believe.

Lauren M. Engel '06 of Arlington, Va., accepted a position working at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. She is working in the Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, in the Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, with the United States Extended Continental Shelf Project.

Ryan Weaver '06 of Nashville, Tenn., has recently been named CEO of KnpLabs US. KnpLabs is a French-based web agency specializing in the use of the PHP framework Symfony2. The U.S. office, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., will offer web development, corporate consulting and Symfony2 training.

Peter Wright '06 of Palo Alto, Calif., is the head wrestling coach at Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton, Calif. He led his squad to back-to-back league championships with a second consecutive undefeated league record. Additionally, his team had three league tournament champions, three sectional tournament medalists, a boys' state tournament qualifier and a girls' state tournament medalist (only 40 wrestlers in the entire state of California per weight class and gender qualify for state championship tournaments).

Sommer Amundsen '07 of Lawrence, Kan., won an award at the eighth annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit on Thursday, Feb. 17. She is a doctoral student in bioengineering.

Lauren Halvorson '07 moved back to her hometown of Kansas City, Kan., and took a job as a senior audit associate with Deloitte & Touche.



Marie Blauwkamp '62, Linda Strouf '84, David Schout '00, David Bellows '05 and Christopher Dekker '09 played in the annual Tulip Time organ recitals held on Hope's campus at Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Wednesday-Saturday, May 11-14. Dr. Elizabeth Claar, who like Linda is a member of the Hope music faculty, also performed.



Stephanie Harrier '07 of Lansing, Mich., has been accepted to complete an internship in small-animal medicine and surgery at Red Bank Veterinary Hospital in Tinton Falls, N.J.

Christopher Dekker '08 of Hudsonville, Mich., was the guest organist at an organ recital benefit on Sunday, May 22 at First Congregational Church UCC. He is currently the director of music at Trinity United Methodist Church where he directs five of the church's eight choirs and the orchestra. He also administers the church's concert series and serves as chancel organist.

Emilie Dykstra '08 of Zeeland, Mich., has been selected as a 2011-13 Hartford Foundation Predoctoral Scholar (BAGNC-Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity). She will be focusing on research related to the care of older adults experiencing dementia and its associated symptoms.

Anna Jonkman '08 of Grand Rapids, Mich., returned from Joint Base Balad, Iraq, and helped the Dance Composition class at Hope College. She has been accepted to the University of Michigan's Dance Master of Fine Arts program beginning in the fall. She intends to focus on choreography with a special focus on a new program in the department called Screendance.

Ryan Klein '08 will be playing with his former Hope College basketball teammate, **Marcus Vanderheide '08** on the Australian Newcastle Hunters, a Waratah Basketball League.

Kelly Sina '08 of Astoria, N.Y., played the roles of the Star-To-Be and Bonnie Boylan in the play *Annie* at

the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson this past spring. She was also the understudy for Grace Farrell, Daddy Warbucks's secretary.

Tracy Benjamin '09 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is Hope College's new women's lacrosse coach.

Robert Flavin '09 of Hickory Corners, Mich., is the new communications director for Suburban Inns.

Edward Helderop '09 of Grand Rapids, Mich., has received a highly competitive English teaching assistantship for the coming year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program sponsored by the U.S.

Department of State. He will be in Andorra from September until May or June 2012, teaching English and conducting research regarding the teaching of Catalan in Andorran schools. As noted in the "Student Kudos" story on page 23, **Jeffrey Vredenburg '11** also received one of the awards; it happens that the two have been friends since seventh grade and were classmates at Forest Hills Northern High School in Grand Rapids.

Katie Bultema '09 Ralston of Ann Arbor, Mich., teaches secondary history and psychology at Washtenaw Christian Academy in Saline, Mich.

10s

Caroline DeNooyer '10 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is the event coordinator for the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

Jessica Jeffery '10 of Pinckney, Mich., is currently teaching dance at two local studios near her hometown. She just finished dancing with *Veggie Tales Live* on tour around the country in the fall. She was a dancer and a puppeteer. She played Bob the Tomato, and they became great friends. She traveled on a tour bus to different churches all over the east side of the country performing for young children and making life-long friends.

Nicole VanderZouwen '10 of Hudsonville, Mich., led a workshop at Hope on Monday, April 4, for students interested in learning more about careers in occupational therapy. She is enrolled in a master's-level occupational therapy program at Grand Valley State University.



Class of 2011

Stephen Agauas '11 will attend Central Michigan University to pursue a Master of Science in psychology with an emphasis on experimental psychology.

Lindsay Allward '11 is working in the commercial development program for Dow Chemical, a six-month sales training program, starting in June.

Russell Amidon '11 will attend Xavier University or Western Michigan University for a master's in sport management.

Courtney Anderson '11 will be attending graduate school.

Daniel Anderson '11 will student teach during the fall semester and then look for employment as a earth science/chemistry high school teacher.

Sarah Anthony '11 will attend Central Michigan University while applying to DO medical schools.

Jacob Bajema '11 will pursue a master's in sports administration at Belmont University.

Traci Baker has accepted a position at Wedgwood Christian Services working with boys from ages six to 12.

Elizabeth Barnes '11 will be in the physician assistant program at Marquette University.

Cynthia Barto '11 will pursue a Master of Divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Emily Bauss '11 is a design engineer with Stryker.

Jill Behm '11 is a registered nurse of oncology at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lauren Bell '11 is on the education team for Herman Miller.

Alison Bernard '11 will be working for Teach for America, teaching high school in Detroit.

Lindsay Bienz '11 will be working as a second grade teacher at American Academy of Casablanca in Morocco.

Amanda Bieri '11 will be attending graduate school at either Princeton Theological Seminary or Duke Divinity School.

Christopher Billquist '11 will pursue a Master of Divinity at Western Theological Seminary this fall.

Benjamin Bjerke '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at Virginia Tech.

Courtney Blackwell '11 is living in Grand Rapids, working as a teacher assistant at a day care.

Katie Blodgett '11 will be attending Springfield College for a master's in athletic counseling.

Bradley Boelkins '11 will attend Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine this fall.

Leah Boer '11 will be going on to graduate school for audiology.

Christa Bonin '11 will be getting married and moving to Quantico, Va., where her husband will be stationed. They will be living there for six months and then moving on to a more permanent location, after which she will look for a position in a non-profit organization.

David Boothe '11 is a manufacturing engineer at Woodward in Zeeland, Mich.

Kayla Borgman '11 will pursue a dual degree, Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work, at Western Theological Seminary.

Joshua Borycz '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Minnesota.



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Alumni ties to the Geneva Camp and Retreat Center, located along Lake Michigan north of Holland, are extensive, ranging from the many who as children participated in summer camps, to those who were counselors, to the executive leadership.

Dave Vanderwel '67 retired at the end of April after serving as executive director at Geneva since 1994. He has been succeeded by the **Rev. Dr. Blaine Newhouse '86**, who began his tenure on Monday, May 2—less than a week before delivering the college's Baccalaureate sermon. Dedicated in the summer of 1948 through the vision of Reformed Church in America pastors and lay leaders for a place for Christ-centered summer programs for youth, the center now hosts up to 4,000 children and youth in its summer programs as well as more than 12,000 adult retreat guests annually. Dave's "retirement" took a quick turn when on Monday, May 16, he was appointed Hope's interim



vice president for college advancement. He has a history of serving his *alma mater*, having been assistant director of admissions from 1971 to 1973 and director of campus life and associate dean of students from 1973 to 1984 before becoming managing editor of CRC publications for the decade before joining Geneva. Blaine most recently served as pastor of preaching and leadership with Calvary Reformed Church in Holland. Prior to coming to Calvary Reformed Church in 1995, he was with Forest Grove Reformed Church in Hudsonville, serving as director of Christian education and youth from 1986 to 1991 and as co-pastor from 1991 to 1995.

Kelsey Bos '11 will be getting married on Friday, June 24, 2011, and starting a career in the Detroit office of Deloitte Consulting LLP as a Human Capital Analyst - Actuarial.

David Bouwman '11 will be staying at Hope for an extra semester to get a management major and then will be taking an internship with Holland Charter Township.

Christina Bowles '11 will serve in the Peace Corps. She will be a secondary science teacher in Sierra Leone.

Derek Bradley '11 will attend the University of Pittsburgh to pursue a master's degree in prosthetics and orthotics.

Maxwell Brady '11 has accepted a position with State Farm Insurance Company.

Shannon Brenneman '11 will be moving to Boston, Mass., and spending a year serving at City on a Hill, a public charter high school, working with urban youth. She then plans to attend graduate school for a dual MSW/MBA degree.

Jocelyn Brousseau '11 has been accepted into the Peace Corps.

Emily Brower '11 is planning on delving into the music education vocation and on breaks, traveling and seeing new places.

Katelyn Brundige '11 will attend the physical therapy school at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

Allison Bryan '11 is working for a public relations firm called MWW, the fifth-largest PR firm in the world,

on the government affairs team in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Bunnell '11 will be a stay-at-home dad with new baby (due in October) for two years before attending graduate school.

Stephen Burgett '11 is a production support engineer with Gentex Corporation.

Elizabeth Burks '11 will pursue a Psy.D. in clinical psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Riley Byrnes '11 is an internal auditor at Perrigo Company.

Allen Campbell '11 will attend NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) in Wyoming.

Kelvin Carter '11 will pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Emory University.

Amber Chapel '11 will attend veterinary school.

Cathy Chec '11 will be living in Grand Rapids, working at a local hospital and taking prerequisite classes for nursing school.

Lauren Clack '11 will be living in Geneva, Switzerland and participating in research with the University Hospital of Geneva. She will be working on a systematic literature review on organization of hospital infection control programmes.

Annie Clark '11 is coordinating the free dental program for the Holland Free Health Clinic.

Victoria Claus '11 will pursue her master's in human resource development at Texas A&M University.

Amy Clinton '11 is living in Punta

de Mita, Mexico and working for Sé Más Microfinance. She works on social impact monitoring and new product development.

Trevor Coeling '11 will be applying to dental school and graduate school for developmental psychology this summer.

Kristin Compagner '11 is a nurse at Holland Hospital.

Kaitlin Cooper '11 will pursue a doctorate in nursing practice at the University of Michigan-Flint. She will also be working as a nurse on the east side of Michigan while attending school.

Kelly Cooper '11 is working this summer at Timber Wolf Lake, a Young Life camp in Lake City, Mich.

Emily Cordes '11 will attend Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Wyatt Curry '11 is a junior geologist for Richmond Gold.

Rebecca Dean '11 will attend a discipleship training school through Youth With a Mission, which provides cross-cultural and Biblical training for missionaries. The program includes classroom learning and outreach service experience. She will live in San Jose, Costa Rica for five months during the training.

Miranda DeKuiper '11 is a production support engineer with Gentex Corporation in Zeeland, Mich.

Nathan DeLoof '11 will continue to look for jobs in the financial side of the business world. He will continue to coach JV golf for Holland Christian and intern as an assistant controller at Ameon Acquisitions LLC.

Stacy DePree '11 will attend Grand Valley State University for speech-language pathology.

Brian Dess '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Iowa.

Kyle Dietrich '11 is working for Arthur J. Gallagher Inc., a large insurance brokerage firm in Grand Rapids.

John Donkersloot '11 will attend the University of Michigan Medical School.

Sarah Eklov '11 will pursue a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Chicago.

Tim Elzinga '11 is in the Grand Rapids, Mich., office of the public accounting firm Crowe Horwath.

Cameron Evans '11 will attend medical school at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri.

Danielle Fegan '11 will attend Michigan State University's plant biology program and will be working towards a dual Ph.D. major in plant biology and ecology, evolutionary biology and behavior. She was awarded the University Enrichment Fellowship.

Larry Figueroa '11 will come back to Hope in the fall to finish up his degrees in management and accounting.

Dillon Fink '11 will attend University of Maryland in Baltimore in the physical therapy program.

Emily Fischer '11 is a personal trainer at Fitness Together in Grand Haven, Mich.

Cameron Flint '11 is a software engineer with TechSmith Corporation in Okemos, Mich.

Terra Fox '11 is a software engineer at Belcan Engineering in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mallory Fox '11 will attend graduate school to obtain a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Kristen Garrison '11 will attend Georgetown University's Master of Arts program in conflict resolution.

Abby Gaskell '11 will move to Fort Wayne, Ind., and attend the University of Saint Francis to become a physician assistant.

Andrew Gehl '11 will teach high school English in Tulsa, Okla., through Teach For America.

Mark Genzink '11 is the BMW client advisor (sales) at The Sharpe Collection.

Amanda Gernentz '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in physiology and pharmacology at Wake Forest University.

Daniel Glaser '11 is an auditor for Deloitte & Touche in Detroit, Mich.

Hannah Green '11 will be taking a year off before graduate school and then will pursue a master's in social justice.

Scott Hawken '11 will attend medical school at the University of Michigan.

Daniel Haywood '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

Laura Helderop '11 traveled to India after graduation, returning in June.

Jonathan Herrman '11 is the assistant dining room manager at Mountain Sky Guest Ranch in Montana this summer, and then would like to work and live in a Spanish-speaking country.

Carmen Hirsch '11 will attend Grand Valley State University as a first-year doctorate of physical therapy student.

Katherine Hoekstra '11 will participate in the Chicago Semester, hopefully doing an internship in the fashion field.

Austin Homkes '11 will pursue a master's in health administration at the University of Minnesota.

Ariel Humphrey '11 is a primary counselor with the Dale House Project in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Andrew Hursh '11 will attend Indiana University's physical therapy program in the fall.

Jamie Iwashita '11 will teach elementary school either in the Grand Rapids, Mich., area or back home in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Marissa Jackson '11 will head to Los Angeles, Calif., to serve a year in an AmeriCorps Program called City Year,

where she will be mentoring, tutoring and doing after-school programs.

Cecilia Jaime '11 will pursue a Master of Social Work degree at Grand Valley State University.



Tracie Jeffries '11 will move to Long Island, N.Y. this summer and hopefully will have a job in the field of social work, working with families and children. She is also planning on going to graduate school and getting her master's in the next year or two.

Lucas Johnson '11 will attend Colorado State University in the chemical engineering program.

Kent Kammermeier '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in physical chemistry at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Hannah Karaptian '11 will pursue a Psy.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Indianapolis.

Raina Khatri '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in science education: physics at Western Michigan University.

Jonathan Kinsey '11 will return to Hope in the fall to student teach, after which he hopes to find a placement in Chicago, Ill., and to take courses to start working on a Ph.D.

Theresa Klepitsch '11 will pursue a Master of Social Work degree at Loyola University of Chicago.

Andrew Klinkman '11 has moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., and is a business analyst for DTE Energy Trading.

Jessica Kohnen '11 will attend Regis University in Denver, Colo., starting in August. She will be in a three-year doctorate program for physical therapy.

Maria Kotman '11 is with Brouwer and DeJong Associates in Fresno, Calif., working towards a position as a financial planner.

Cecilia Kovach '11 is living in Grand Rapids, Mich., and working at a hospital as a phlebotomist. She plans to attend medical school.

Elizabeth Kovic '11 is interning with Campus Crusade for Christ at Miami of Ohio.

Rebecca Kragt '11 is involved in a year-long, cross-cultural immersion program called SALT (Serving and Learning Together) through Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Her placement will be Bogota, Columbia.

Maria Krebs '11 is working with the Lutheran Volunteer Corp at the Defender Association (a criminal defense legal clinic) in Seattle, Wash.

Katherine Krueger '11 is a yearbook sales representative with Walsworth Publishing Company in Kansas City, Mo.

Jonathan Lautz '11 is pursuing a Ph.D. in neuroscience at Loyola University.

Thao Le '11 will move to Seattle, Wash., in August and work for Deloitte & Touche in the audit team.

Emily Leathley '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in neuroscience at the University of Minnesota.

Jeana Longoria '11 is a registered nurse in the critical care unit at Saint Mary's Health Care in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Katherine Lovinger '11 will attend the University of Indianapolis in the Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Benjamin Mahaffie '11 joined a police academy in Pennsylvania in May.

Katharine Matejka '11 was married in May and is living in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she will be pursuing a teaching career.

Clare McCullough '11 will begin studying in the occupational therapy program at Western Michigan University.

Christopher McKinnon '11 will be looking for a job in a local library in Michigan. He will continue to work with his Boy Scout Troop 96 in Hopkins, Mich., and will be helping out with the local scout day camp over the summer.

Daniel McNeel '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in physics at Western Michigan University.

Daniel Mehari '11 is in the United States Marine Corps and anticipating deployment to Afghanistan.

Lauren Miller '11 is pursuing a master's in mechanical engineering at the University of California, Davis.

Tyler Morgan '11 is working at MAC-REC, a summer program through a local church and through AmeriCorps.

Jessica Morscheck '11 is a registered nurse in the post-anesthesia care unit at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Ky.

Jaron Mulder '11 will attend the U.S. Army's officer candidate school.

Aja Nash '11 will conduct research as a post-baccalaureate student and continue her education.

Lora Nelson '11 is moving to Kenya to work for an NGO in community development.

Beverly Newey '11 will attend Michigan State University College of Law.

Loan Nguyen '11 will be a full-time volunteer with Lutheran Volunteer Corps working at Nebraska Children's Home Society as a program/outreach specialist in Omaha for a year.

Pieter Norden '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in the genetics area program at the University of Missouri.

Ashley Olney '11 will attend Western Michigan University in the master of occupational therapy program.

Lisa Omanson '11 will pursue a Master of Arts in religious studies at the University of Iowa.

Krista Pajor '11 will attend the mental health counseling program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Sarah Patton '11 will attend the University of Michigan school of Nursing (MSN program - pediatric nurse practitioner). She is working this summer at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital as an RN on the neurosurgery unit.

Byron Patton '11 is an active duty second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, stationed in Quantico, Va.

Marlee Pfohl '11 is working for Little Lukes, doing bilingual service coordination for Onondaga County, New York.

Abigail Phillips '11 went to Africa with Engineers Without Borders in May and then is working at Gentex for the summer. She is looking for a job in humanitarian or environmental engineering.

Jeri Pitcher '11 will attend the advanced standing MSW program at Loyola University Chicago.

Katlyn Prince '11 has accepted an auditing position with Abraham & Gaffney, P.C., a CPA firm located in East Lansing, Mich. She is also pursuing her CPA license this summer.

Lacie Rawlings '11 will pursue a Master of Arts degree in peace and conflict management studies at the University of Haifa (Israel) beginning in October.

Magdalene Reishus '11 is the box office supervisor for Mason Street Warehouse in Saugatuck, Mich.

Shawna Rholl '11 will take an internship in El Salvador.

Joel Riegsecker '11 will move to Butte, Mont., in July.

Nicholas Rinck '11 intends to take his degrees down to Illinois and work for an environmental group in the heart of downtown Chicago.

Jordan Ritsema '11 is a mechanical systems engineer at Dematic Corporation in Grand Rapids, Mich. He will also be taking online graduate classes at North Carolina State University in mechanical engineering.

Hannah Rode '11 will be going into social work in Chicago in the fall.

Scott Roden '11 is a career specialist with Michigan Works in Holland.

Jacob Rollenhagen '11 is a financial analyst at Amway Corporation in Ada, Mich.

Laurenn Rudd '11 will spend the fall semester next year in York, England, studying management. She will accompany the management department and Professor TenHaken into the Yorkshire Honors Semester.

Bryant Russ '11 will work as a high school Bible and English teacher.

Sara Saavedra '11 will attend Michigan State University College of Law.

Katie Sawyer '11 will attend Arcadia University for physical therapy.

Amanda Schab '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in nursing at Michigan State University.

Molly Schab '11 will work as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Syracuse University and will pursue her master's degree in exercise science.

Michael Schatz '11 will attend graduate school for a master's in sports administration.

Kristen Schwenk '11 will pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Grand Valley State University.

Kristin Seefeldt '11 will attend University of Washington in St. Louis for occupational therapy.

Arye Shannon-Carmichael '11 has been hired at a local dance studio to teach a variety of dance classes. She also plans to substitute teach during the day in the West Michigan area.

Kendra Short '11 will attend Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Caroline Sierra '11 will complete a child life practicum at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital this summer.

Kim Slotman '11 will work as a fifth-grade classroom teacher and math specialist at Timothy Christian Schools in Elmhurst, Ill.

Colin Smith '11 will pursue a middle-school teaching job in West Michigan and could be called to help in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the United States Marine Corps.

Jaclyn Smith '11 will teach kindergarten at Imagine Schools in Coolidge, Ariz., a national charter school.

Carrie Snickers '11 will play basketball professionally overseas.



Margaret Fylstra '07 presented "Life after Hope" through the college's French Cultural Studies Colloquium series on Monday, April 4. Her presentation emphasized the three and a half years that she served in Senegal, West Africa, through the Peace Corps beginning in September 2007. For the first two years of service, she was assigned to be a Small Enterprise Development Volunteer, teaching business-management skills to local entrepreneurs. Her supplemental projects included working with local artisans, helping middle school girls obtain scholarship money, and assisting with agriculture seed extension in local villages. After her two-year Peace Corps service was complete, she extended her stay for another year and a half to work in the Dakar, Senegal office headquarters, assisting the Small Enterprise Development program and supervising trainees, volunteer site placement, and program research.

Aftan Snyder '11 will be an intern in Washington, D.C., and attend a work-aboard program in journalism in either Costa Rica or South Africa.

Elizabeth Spontelli '11 will student teach in the fall.

Susan Stevenson '11 will pursue a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Colorado State University.

Erin Stover '11 is a member of the professional staff in the Wheaton, Ill., office of Capin Crouse, LLP.

Sydney Sturm will attend graduate school for a Master of Social Work.

Jeffrey Stusick '11 will attend medical school in the fall.

Garret Szantner '11 will pursue a Master of Divinity at Western Theological Seminary.

Craig Tank '11 will attend the physical therapy school at Regis University in Denver, Colo.

David Todd '11 will attend the University of Michigan to study chemistry and conduct research in organic chemistry.

Kylie Topliff '11 was married in May and is moving to North Carolina, where she will begin her career as an actuarial analyst with BB&T Banks.

Lindsay Tracy '11 will attend Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in the clinical psychology Psy.D. program.

Brittany Tuinier '11 is working for Post Gardens, a family business in Battle Creek, Mich.

Rebecca Van Kammen '11 will attend Central Michigan University in the physician assistant program.

Julia Van Klompenberg '11 is working for Eshots, an interactive event marketing firm in Chicago, Ill.

Elizabeth Van Oss '11 will attend Lehigh University in the psychology graduate program.

Kyle Vanden Bosch '11 is working for Alro Steel in Grand Rapids, Mich., in inside sales.

Meghan Vanderlee '11 will pursue a Master of Divinity at Western Theological Seminary and plans to become a youth pastor.

Ella Vandervlugt '11 will serve with the ELCA Global Missions as an English teacher in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Ashleigh VerHulst '11 will be involved in the Memphis teacher residency and will pursue her master's degree in urban education.

Kristen Vet '11 will pursue a Master in Social Work degree at the University of Georgia.

Maria Vidoni '11 is taking her boards in June and then backpacking through Europe from July through September. She would like to be a flight nurse and a disaster relief nurse.

Anne Voss '11 will pursue a master's in counselor education at Western Michigan University's Grand Rapids, Mich., campus.

Jessica Warner '11 will pursue a Master of Divinity and Master of Spirituality dual degree at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Allyson Wehrly '11 will pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy at

Central Michigan University.

Sarah Wenz '11 will complete a discipleship training school through YWAM (Youth with a Mission) then possibly graduate school.

Alexa Westley '11 has been working full time at Stryker Corporate since early January. She writes for their weekly broadcasts and quarterly newsletters, reporting on the amazing things that the company is doing in the medical technology field and in the community.

Melanie Weimer '11 is attending Western Michigan University. She has been accepted into the advanced placement program for an MSW degree.

Brian Wiese '11 will attend the University of Kentucky, pursuing a master's degree in athletic training while working as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the University of Kentucky football team.

Valerie Winton '11 will pursue a doctorate in organic chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Ashley Wortelboer '11 is a WERLD engineer with Whirlpool Corporation.

Claire Wulf '11 will work at Imagine Coolidge School in Coolidge, Ariz., as a K-2 special education teacher.

Ryan Yonkman '11 works for Rice Dairy (dairy brokerage firm) in Chicago, Ill.

Lauren Zahn '11 is an audit assistant for Deloitte in Chicago, Ill.

Janette Zandstra '11 was married on Saturday, June 4, and is working in the intensive care unit at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

Colin Zoellner '11 works for Gentex Corporation in Zeeland, Mich.



Marriages

Bill VanZandt '93 and Caye Siller, Jan. 29, 2011, Venice, Florida.

Elizabeth Flory '01 and Michael Dominiak '06, Oct. 2, 2010.

Susan DeLange '03 and Carl Hudec, Oct. 9, 2010.

Ashley Stoneburner '04 and Timothy Zumstein, March 12, 2011, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Richard Cnossen '06 and Kristen Greshel '07, May 1, 2011, Spring Lake, Mich.

Dana Moes '06 and Daniel Moynihan, June 26, 2010.

Emily Timmons '07 and Mark Adams Elliott, Jan. 2, 2010.

Elliott Eisaman '07 and Dylana Pinter '08, Sept. 5, 2010, Princeton, Ill.

Andrew Kortesoja '09 and Katherine Wilbur '09, Aug. 7, 2010.

Katie Bultema '09 and James Ralston '09, Oct. 16, 2010, Holland, Mich.

Clinton Wilm '09 and Kalee Monhollon '09, Jan. 8, 2011, Holland, Mich.

Kryie Bedford '10 and Brian Koehn, Oct. 9, 2009.

New Arrivals

Todd Cioffi '88 and Erinn Cioffi, Mariel Amaris, March 5, 2011.

William Vanderbilt '88 and Abigail VanDuyn '91 Vanderbilt, Esther Joy, Feb. 28, 2011.

Laura Bachelder '93 Furman and Samuel Furman, Hannah Elizabeth, Aug. 26, 2011.

Mark Baker '94 and Meredith Baker, Douglas Baker, April 9, 2009, and Faith Louise Oct. 23, 2010.

Gregory Chatfield '94 and Stacy Chatfield, Quinn Daniel, April 30, 2011.

Megan Carpenter '95 and Matt Bejin, Nathaniel Thaddeus, Oct. 30, 2010.

Darin Corcoran '95 and Heather Hilbelink '95 Corcoran, Peyton Rowan, March 10, 2011.

Heather Haveman '95 White and Daniel White, Clara Grace, April 23, 2011.

Valerie Schletter '96 Richards and Aaron Richards, Alex and Elyse, Dec. 10, 2010.

James (J.D.) Bolo-Schreuder '97 and Lauri Bolo-Schreuder '99, Grae August, Oct. 13, 2010.

Karsten Rumohr-Voskuil '96 and Gretchen Rumohr-Voskuil '97, Andra Jill and DeeDee Noel, Dec. 10, 2010.

Julie Moes '97 Smith and Douglass Smith, Claire Anne, April 8, 2011.

Tyler Smith '97 and Rosalinda Smith, William John Julius, Feb. 28, 2011.

Kathryn Whitfield '98 Butler and Rhett Butler, Anne Victoria, Dec. 15, 2010.

Wendy Kooiker '98 Harkema and Ross Harkema, Levi Henry, March 7, 2011

Melissa Manchester '99 Mulder and Jack Mulder '00, Lucas Isaiah, April 2, 2011.

Amy Sanders '99 Nielsen and Rob Nielsen, Benjamin Ellis, Sept. 19, 2011.

Anthony Petkus '99 and Emily Broekhuis '04 Petkus, Xavier Rudell, April 30, 2011

Elizabeth Yared '99 Rohrer and Andrew Rohrer, Emma Kristine, April 20, 2011.

David Uyl '99 and Kristin Uyl, Wyatt Hays, Feb. 12, 2011.

Jennifer Aslanian '99 Wezeman and Frederick Wezeman, Katherine Rose, April 21, 2011.

Thomas Bouwens '00 and Teresa Sneller '02 Bouwens, Elijah Joel, March 7, 2011.

Phillip Haan '00 and Elizabeth Jetter '04 Haan, Gus Fisher, Dec. 1, 2010.

Christopher Howell '00 and Amy VanderMeer '01, Samuel James, April 9, 2011.

Brock Isanhart '00 and Jamie Isanhart, Gibson James, April 6, 2011.

Jamie Riekse '00 McWilliams and Sean McWilliams, Merrin Annabell, Dec. 21, 2010.

Tyler Do '01 and Erin Rupert '04 Do, Arawyn Juliet, March 22, 2011.

Lisa Breuker '01 Dore and Aaron Dore, Eli John, Feb. 17, 2011.

Kathryn Visser '01 Haverdink and Brant Haverdink, Bennett James, March 31, 2011.

Daniel Lam '01 and Melissa LaBarge '01 Lam, Gabriel Robert Daniel, April 6, 2011.

Lauren Piotrowski '01 Wertman and Matt Wertman, Graham Samuel, Sept. 2, 2010.

Miriam Takish '02 Dery and Charlie Dery, Luke Edwin, April 6, 2011.

Maureen Williams '02 Glass and Casey Glass '03, Colson Channing, April 16, 2011.

Jennifer Walvoord '02 and Andrew Le, Matthew Alexander, March 21, 2011.

Christopher Winkler '02 and Christie Winkler, Jovelle Mercy, March 13, 2011.

Erin Wysocki '02 Kostun and Michael Kostun, Claire Beatrice, April 25, 2011.

Emily Louis '03 Bruins and Kevin Bruins, Luke Dale, March 14, 2011.

Jason Kehrner '03 and Molly Halvey '04 Kehrner, Henry David, April 25, 2011.

Emily Tennant '03 Lynema and Scott Jacob Lynema '03, Tyce Holland, March 17, 2011.

Gracie George '03 Weiss and William Weiss '03, Lillian Pearl, Nov. 5, 2010.

Peter Binnie '04 and Carrie Binnie, Noah Lars, April 15, 2011.

Jason DeWitt '04 and Martha Bouwens '05 DeWitt, Tenley Paige, April 11, 2011.

Sara Luneack '04 Ewan and Jarod Ewan, Clara Whitney, April 19, 2011.

Matthew Koster '04 and Allison McCabe '05 Koster, Clayton David, March 14, 2011.

Richard Ray '04 and Lindsey Ray, Norah June, March 28, 2011.

Elizabeth Headworth '05 Estep and Zachary Estep, Charlotte Eleanor, April 27, 2011.

Lisa Warmus '05 Thoma and Mark Thoma, Josiah Andrew, Jan. 9, 2010.

Ellen Reynolds '06 Beckham and Joel Beckham, Oliver James, Dec. 23, 2010.

Gabriel Kalmbacher '06 and Anna Marshall '07 Kalmbacher, Julia Ninsiima, Nov. 30, 2009 in Uganda, welcomed home to Holland, Mich., on Dec. 17, 2010; and Caleb Gregory, April 23, 2011.

Adam Rodriguez '06 and Helen Gall '06 Rodriguez, Ellie Ann, Dec. 13, 2010.

Bain Rumohr '06 and Laura Johnson '07 Rumohr, Wesley Bain,



Sept. 6, 2010. Wesley was 12 weeks premature and weighed 2 lbs at birth. After spending 3 months in the NICU, Wesley has come home and his parents report that he is doing great.

Alexandra Snyder '06 Tillard and Matthew Tillard, Aaron Nicholas, April 5, 2011.

Yadira Martinez '07 Bautista and Jesse Bautista, Jesse Jesiah, March, 8, 2011.

Jeffrey Mulder '07 and Marci Mulder, Olivia Diane, March 12, 2011.

Mallory Waanders '09 VanderKooi and Kevin VanderKooi, Cullen Chase, Feb. 25, 2011.

Carrie Lowe '01, Master of Science degree in wildlife biology, University of Tennessee, April, 2011.

Rachael Sloop '05 DeWitt, Master of Social Work and Master of Public Administration, Grand Valley State University, April 2011.

Sarah Blankenship '06 Cox, Master of Music, in music education, Cleveland State University, May 2010.

Stephanie Harrier '07, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University, May 2011.

Deaths

The college is often privileged to receive additional information in celebration of the lives of members of the Hope community who have passed away. Please visit the expanded obituaries we have made available online if you wish to read more about those who loss is noted in this issue.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc

Edward Beckman '66 of Naubinway, Mich., died on Saturday, April 9, 2011. He was 77.

He worked as the head of laboratory and bacteriologist at Newberry Regional Mental Health Center, a pastor at Newberry Wesleyan Church, running an adult foster care home of 27 men, operating a restaurant/gas station/motel, formerly known as the Frontier Stop.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother; and infant son, Blaine Edward.

Survivors include his seven children, Marrijo Beckman (Jody Clute), Kristine (Brendan) Sullivan, Amy (Dave) Rush, Brandon (Lisa) Beckman, Betsy (Dave) Haley, Andy (Bobbie) Beckman, and Jami Beckman; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Kathleen Miersma '67 Bjork of Platteville, Wis., died on Sunday, March 20, 2011. She was 65.

She was the director of nursing for Southwest Health Center until her retirement in 2002.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tunis (Alda) Miersma '41; and a brother, Mark.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Bjork; four sons, Erik Bjork, David (Nicole) Bjork, Jacob (Katie) Bjork and Jonathan (Laura) Bjork; six grandchildren; a sister, Judy Miersma '74 (David) Phillips; a brother, Thomas (Karen); a sister-in-law, Jean (Bill) Decker; and aunt, Winifred Miersma.

Charles Boonstra '42 of Hood River, Ore., died on Sunday, April 3, 2011. He was 93.

He was a minister at Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Tenn., until his retirement.

Survivors include his sister, Annamae Johnson; his ex-wife, Olive; three children, John Boonstra '71, Suzanne Boonstra '68 Lake-Daniels, and Michael Boonstra '72; daughter-in-law, Vicky Stifter; son-in-law, Wayne Daniels; four grandchildren; a surrogate grandson; a step-granddaughter; and a step-great-grandson.

Ruth Tempas '50 Buehler of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., died on Wednesday, April 20, 2011. She was 82.

She worked at Buehler Furniture from 1975 until her retirement in 1997.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Derwin Buehler; her daughter, Mary Wilterdink; three brothers, John Paul Tempas, Calvin Tempas and Fred (Eunice) Tempas; and a sister Johanna (Cornelius) Leynse.

Survivors include her daughter, Jean Mersberger; three sons, Dennis (Chris) Buehler, Jim (Lynn) Buehler and John (Connie) Buehler; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, Larry (Jan) Wilterdink; and two sisters-in-law, Eileen Tempas and Marian Tempas.

Helen Burroughs '52 of Colorado Springs, Colo., died on Sunday, April 3, 2011. She was 79.

She was a school psychologist at Camillis. She also took art lessons for five years.

Survivors include her husband, Harold E. Burroughs; and her two daughters, Susan Mallory and Jan Burroughs.

Kevin Cavanaugh '79 of Waterford, Mich., died on Monday, March 7, 2011. He was 56.

He was an award-winning salesman for JC Penney, sold ads for the Yellow Pages and the *Lakeland Times*, and was a home health aide and worked as a slot attendant.

He was preceded in death by his girlfriend, Judy Bell.

Survivors include his sister, Eileen Clare McCarville; and a niece and nephew.

Ruth Bartholomew '48 Doggett of Commerce Township, Mich., died on Monday, April 7, 2011. She was 86.

She was an elementary teacher, Outdoor Center counselor, and school librarian in the Walled Lake Schools for 25 years.

Survivors include her husband, William Doggett; two sons, Ken and Steve; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Pearl Laman '42 Eadie of Conklin, Mich., died on Thursday, April 29, 2010. She was 90.

She was a school teacher in Ravenna until her retirement in 1983.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arend (Anna) Laman (1909); her son-in-law, David McMillan; one brother, Thomas Laman '37; and two sisters, Harriet Laman '36 and Margaret Laman '39 Vegter.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Norman Eadie; a daughter, Anna McMillan; three sons, Arden (Geraldine Tensen '75) Eadie, Norlin (Carol) Eadie and Carl (Brenda) Eadie; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; one brother, David Laman '36; and several nieces and nephews.

Loretta VanWieren '45 Fineout of Williamsburg, Mich., died on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. She was 87.

She worked at Munson Medical Care Facility and taught nursing at Northwestern Michigan College for more than 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Allen Lockman and Les Fineout; and her brother and sister-in-law, Gilbert (Dorothy Kooiker '44) VanWieren '42.

Survivors include her two sons, Jeff (Sue) Lockman and Steve (Pat) Lockman; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

William Hamelink '51 of Jackson, Mich., died on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. He was 81.

He worked for American Seating Company for 20 years and also worked for Johnson Controls for 18 years.

Survivors include his wife, Elma Wolters '52 Hamelink; four children, Mark (Fanny) Hamelink, Nelva Rae Hamelink, John (Sandy) Hamelink, and Scott (Karen) Hamelink; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Advanced Degrees

Kira Burdick '72 Schneider, associate degeee in nursing, State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota, December 2010.

Karen Nattress '81 Hornecker, master's in the practice of teaching early childhood education, Western Michigan University, April 30, 2011.

Robin Bolt '99 Trumble, associates degree in nursing, Lansing Community College, December 2010.

Sarah Rutherford-Guarin '99, Master of Science in technology management, University of Maryland University College's School of Management and Technology, May 2011.



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William Heyns '34 of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, April 2, 2011. He was 98.

He served as special assistant prosecuting attorney for Kent County. He retired in 1992 after 55 years of law practice.

Survivors include his son, Larry Heyns '63; a daughter, Marcia Heyns '67 Bowers; step-sons, Mark (Gail) Verwys, and Craig (Judie) Verwys; a step-daughter, Jessica (Jack) Powell; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Anna Lucile Jonkman '48 Holland of Allegan, Mich., died on Saturday, March 26, 2011. She was 85.

She worked for Allegan Public Schools for many years, and taught at Northward, and as a specialized reading teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Holland; and her sister, Fritz Jonkman '44 Sennett.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

Michael Iannuzzi II '03 of New York, N.Y. died on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, following a fatal car accident in Manhattan. He was 30.

He moved to New York to pursue his dream of film production.

Survivors include his parents, Michael (Frances) Iannuzzi; brothers, James and Christopher; and sister, Mary.

Roger Johnson '50 of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, March 4, 2011. He was 85.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theater.

He served as a pastor in the Reformed Church of America in New York, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John (Minnie) Johnson; his sister, Esther Johnson; and his brother, Arthur Johnson.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Elizabeth Johnson; his children, Esther Johnson '74 (Jesse) Pedigo, and Timothy Johnson; and his grandchildren, Samantha Pedigo '09 (Andrew) Kadzban '08 and Zachary Pedigo '12.

Roger Kuiken '58 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. He was 80.

He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force.

He was an Allstate insurance agent for many years.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Nancy Sell '55 Kuiken; his children, Terry (Kim) Kuiken, Bryan (Dede) Kuiken, Jody (Mark) Johnson, and Chris Kuiken; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother and sister, Bruce (Maurine Haas '63) Kuiken '63, and Betty (Paul) Essenburg; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob Bosman, Jim (Evie) Sell, and Diane Gott.

Carleen Stroop '45 Lemmen of Traverse City, Mich., died on Monday, March 21, 2011. She was 87.

She received her LPN degree and spent most of her career caring for geriatric patients.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two stepmothers, Gladys and Johanna; two stepbrothers, Randall Stroop and Jack Tietsema; and two sisters, Helen (Gordon) Benjamin and Martha (Earl) Butler.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Wayne Lemmen '43; four children, David (Carol) Lemmen, Lois DeHart, Rhoda Lemmen '75 (Dan) Cronin and Thomas (Debra) Lemmen; in-laws, Irving Lemmen, Shirley Kammeraad and Douglas Lemmen; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Jill Maxim '88 Macy of Hudsonville, Mich., died on Sunday, April 10, 2011, after a long battle with cancer and heart disease. She was 44.

She was an active participant at Jamestown Reformed Church, her children's school and in the community in many ways.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jeffrey; maternal grandparents, Charles (Deanie) Warner; and paternal grandfather, John Maxim.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Thomas Macy; children, Joshua, Benjamin, Alexa and Samuel; parents, Douglas (Jane) Maxim; brother, Todd Maxim; and grandmother, Betty Maxim.

R. Kamala Korteling '51 Martin of Chelsea, Mich., died on Monday, Feb. 28, 2011. She was 82.

She was a reading teacher in the Saline Area Schools for 29 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph (Anna Winter '19) Korteling '19, and her husband, Don Martin.

Survivors include her three sons, David (Sue) Martin, Jim (Mary Mulder '77) Martin '77 and Dan Martin; two daughters, Nancy Martin and Suanne Martin; two sisters, Marian Korteling '47 Levai and Maisie Korteling '52 Votaw; a brother, Ralph (Sylvia) Korteling '58; four grandchildren; and nieces and nephews, including John Votaw '81.

Albert Nicolai '63 of Somerset, N.J., died on Thursday, March 17, 2011. He was 69.

He had a 30-year career in the English department at Middlesex County College. He also co-authored the McGraw Hill publication; *The Basics: A Rhetoric and Handbook*.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Dorothy Nicolai Polaski; and brother-in-law, Charles Polaski Sr.

Survivors include nephews and nieces.

Wallace Norgrove '50 of Kentwood, Mich., died on Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010. He was 85.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Dorothy Norgrove; his children, Richard (Alicia) Norgrove and Marcia (Jerry Phillips) Pittman; three granddaughters; two great-grandsons; his brothers, Richard Norgrove '51 and James Norgrove; and his sisters-in-law, Virginia Smith and Joyce (Paul) Kunde.

Margaret Rottschaefer '35 Norton of Birmingham, Mich., died on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011. She was 97.

She was a librarian at Mount Clemens High School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Norton; a granddaughter, Kathy; her brother, Bernard Rottschaefer '34; and her father, Bernard Rottschaefer (1906)

Survivors include her three daughters, Joan Norton, Nancy (Ricky) Sharpe-Blizard, and Carol (Gregory) Springs; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her sister, Jean Rottschaefer '36 VanderVelde-Upjohn; and nieces and nephews, including Joan VanderVelde '73 Kullgren and Constance VanderVelde '70.

Word has been received of the death of **Andy Nyboer '39**, who died on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at age 95. More information will appear in the next issue.

Word has been received of the death of **Carolyn Kremers '42 Rabourn** of San Diego, Calif., who died on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. She was 91.

William Philip Forbes Shewan '49 of Laguna Woods, Calif., died on Monday, April 11, 2011. He was 88.

He served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater of Operations.

He taught High School English in both Barstow and Warren High School, Downey, for 29 years, retiring in 1985.

He was preceded in death by his first and second wives, Ann Stocks Shewan and Rachelle Hoag Shewan; and his sister, Elfreda Bennett.

Survivors include his wife, Greta Maragos Shewan; and numerous stepchildren; and grandchildren.

Susan Stoeckly '68 Stitt of Amherst, N.H., died on Monday, March 28, 2011. She was 65.

She was an operations manager at Hewlett-Packard.

Survivors include her husband, Steven Stitt; daughters, Jess, Liz and Rachel; her sons-in-laws, Christos and Christopher; a grandson; her mother, Roberta; her siblings, Robert and Jean; many cousins; and nieces and nephews.

Wilbur Stoltz '48 of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, March 7, 2011. He was 89.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II as a navigator.

He worked for Grandville Public

Schools as a teacher and then became their business manager. He also worked for Conrad Investments as an accountant.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie Stoltz; and a granddaughter.

Survivors include his son, James Stoltz; and a brother Donald Stoltz '57.

Martha Wyatt '67 Thompson of Orlando, Fla., died on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011. She was 65.

Survivors include her husband, Keith Thompson; her children, Jennifer Thompson and Kyle (Carolyn) Thompson; and two sisters, Judith Smith and Wendy Wyatt.

Word has been received of the death of **Dick Vriesman '47**, who died on Sunday, May 22, 2011, at age 87. More information will appear in the next issue.

Sympathy to

The family of **E. Samuel Dudley** of Starkville, Miss., who died on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011. He was 87.

He was a veteran of World War II, earning two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star.

He was the head of the speech department at Mississippi State University and authored two books.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Mulder '46 Dudley; a daughter, Sandra (Scott) Shepherd; a son, David (Kathryn) Dudley; and two grandchildren.

The family of **Rose MacDoniels** of Holland, Mich., who died on Sunday, April 24, 2011. She was 70.

She was an adjunct lecturer at Hope College and was the director of program and leisure enrichment at Evergreen Commons until her retirement in 2000.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Joseph W. MacDoniels; her children, Kelly Marie MacDoniels, Joseph Todd MacDoniels '94, Jeffrey William MacDoniels '98, Kathryn MacDoniels '00 (Dan '01) Caldwell; three grandchildren; sisters, Billie Beth Baldwin, Sara Glen and Delmar Gusewelle, Margaret Ellen Jolly, Mary Anne and Robert Becker; many in-laws; nieces and nephews; and cousins.

The family of **Nancy Wheeler** of Holland, Mich., who died on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. She was 68.

She taught Latin, mythology, early English literature and world literature at Hope College from 1968 to 1978.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Al (June) Ranshaert; and her husband, Brooks.

Survivors include her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Pete (Shirley) Peterson; a nephew and niece; and her long-time companion, Marie Huevel.





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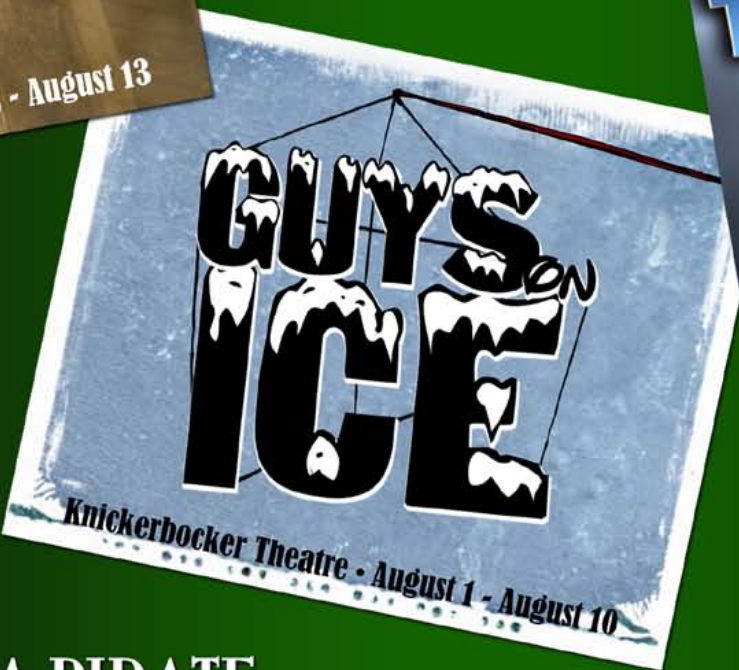
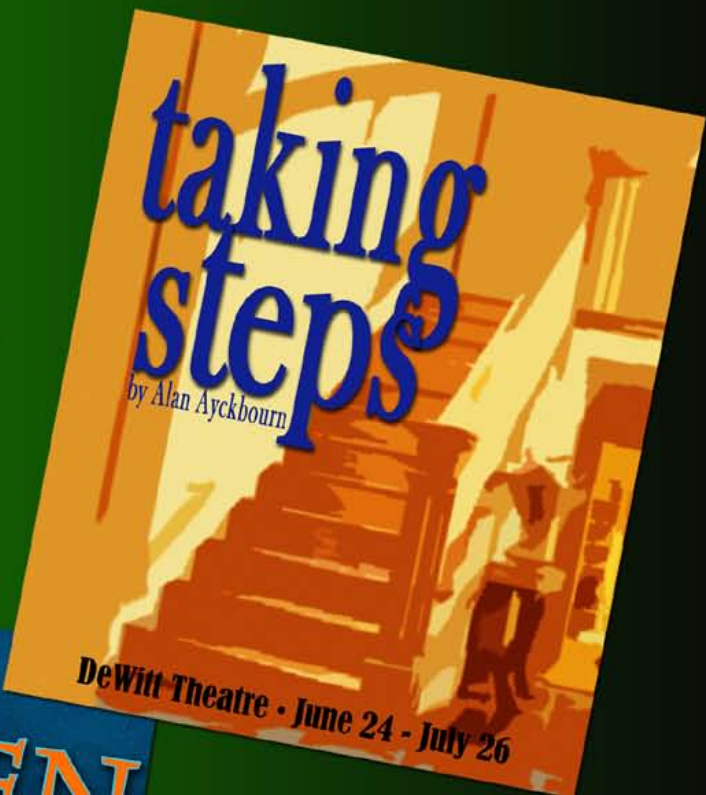
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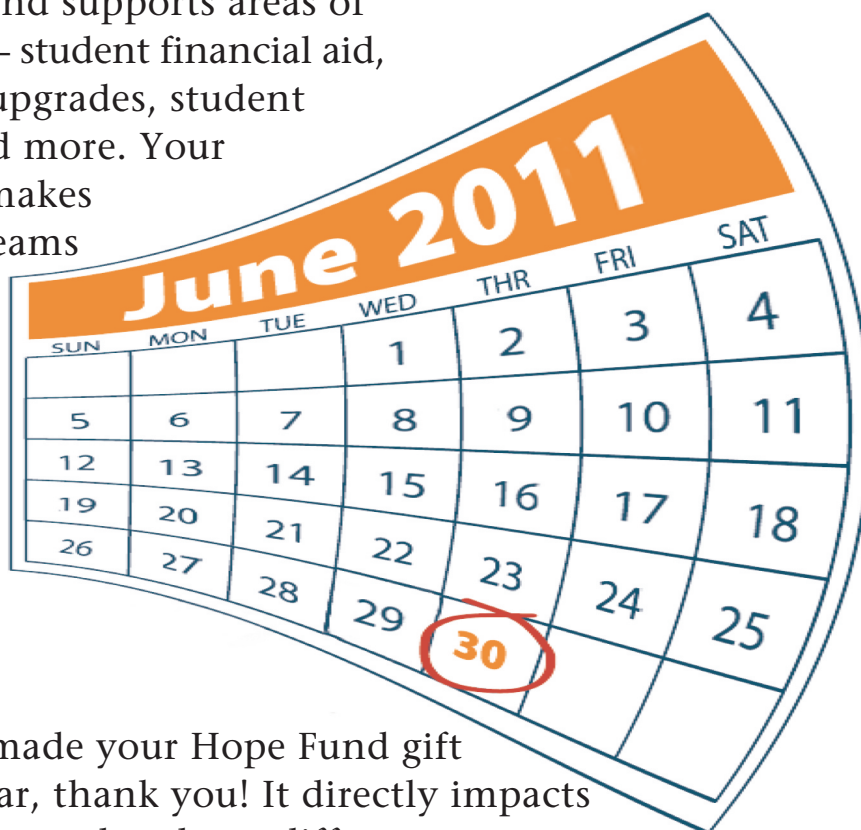




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